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Cheaper loans expected soon

Shares surge as markets await rate cut

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, MICHAEL CLARK AND COLIN NARBOROUGH

■ Hopes of lower interest rates in Europe led to a record close on the stock exchange index which was also boosted by predictions of lower British rates

SHARES closed at an all-time high yesterday as expectations grew of lower continental interest rates, which would pave the way for cheaper mortgages and loans at home.

The record-breaking day, which added £6 billion to the value of Britain's publicly quoted companies, boosted John Major after the battering he has received in recent months. It fuelled ministerial hopes that the growing signs of economic recovery will be followed by an upturn in the government's political fortunes.

Senior Downing Street aides drew parallels between the stock market leap and other encouraging trends, such as a reduction in company failures and an increase in new car registrations, to reinforce their predictions of economic recovery. "All the economic figures are pointing in the right direction," one official said.

Gold, which shot up to $409 an ounce in the Far East on Monday, fell dramatically yesterday in the aftermath of the ERM turmoil, and finished looking at $374.....19

The 26-point surge in the FT-SE 100 Index to within 30 points of the 3,000 mark was prompted by a technical move in the money markets by the French authorities, which was seen as a sign that France was preparing to cut interest rates. The 2969.8 close topped the previous 2957.3 high in March.

Although Whitehall officials would not be drawn on the outlook for mortgages and bank loans, ministerial sources indicated that a base rate cut seemed more likely.

The two main constraints on the domestic economy are the £50 billion budget deficit and the slowdown in Britain's main continental export markets. Downing Street officials said that the prospect of cheaper money abroad could help British firms, swell tax revenues and ease the pressure on the Treasury coffers.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is treading a fine line between higher taxes and spending cuts in his November Budget. If tax revenue is greater than expected, there may be no need for tax increases and a confrontation with rebellious right-wing MPs might be averted. Senior ministers are becoming increasingly confident that the Budget prediction of 1.25 per cent growth this year will prove to be an under-estimate. Privately they say they are expecting growth of 1.5-1.75 per cent.

Mr Clarke could opt for a 0.5 per cent interest rate cut before the Conservative party conference in October, and keep a similar reduction in reserve to ease the pain of unpopular Budget measures.

John Watts, Tory chairman of the all-party Treasury select committee, said last night that the French appeared to be throwing off the shackles of their European exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) mentality and following Britain's example in setting interest rates to suit domestic conditions.

"This should improve the market for our goods overseas. It will allow these recession-hit continental economies to start expanding. That would be sensible for them, but there is still this tug in the direction of keeping to those old ERM arrangements and hoping for economic and monetary union. There are much better prospects for the continental economies and that must be good news for us."

Mr Watts said the next move in British interest rates was more likely to be down than up. He was not, however, expecting Mr Clarke to order an immediate cut in the 6 per cent base rate. It would become necessary only if the recovery started to flag or if the pound rose against the German mark to more than DM2.60.

Downing Street pointed to a 12 per cent year-on-year drop in company insolvencies in the second quarter and a 7 per cent annual increase in new car registrations last month as further evidence of the brightening economic outlook.

City analysts said the equity market appears to be running ahead of events. Although 681 million shares were traded yesterday, which is good for August, it does not indicate that a raging bull market is under way.

Acute stock shortages are forcing market-makers to put prices up sharply in the hope of encouraging a few sellers. Investors are, however, in no mood to part with stock. The City realises that it may soon no longer be feasible to leave money on deposit with the banks and building societies. If interest rates continue falling, the equity and bond markets will offer better returns on their investments.

Economists like Roger Bootle, of Midland Montagu, are forecasting that bank base rates will drop to 4 per cent by the end of the year and market strategists predict that the FT-SE 100 Index will finish the year at between 3,200 and 3,500.

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MICHAEL POWELL

Tea break: May Robinson of Sleaford, Lincolnshire, queues to be among the first to visit Buckingham Palace, which opens this morning

Slow build-up at the royal box office

BY ANGELA MACKAY AND JAMES LANDALE

BUCKINGHAM Palace opens its doors to the public this morning with officials prepared for 8,000 visitors a day and a queue of up to 5,000 trailing down The Mall for the next eight weeks.

Last night, however, predictions that the palace attraction would be London's biggest box office hit of the summer, eclipsing even *Jurassic Park*, appeared optimistic. At 6pm the queue outside the box office was only 34 deep. An hour and half later it had swelled to 37.

A palace spokesman said he was "cautiously optimistic" that there would be a full house. If he is right, by October 400,000 visitors at up to £8 a head will have boosted the Windsor Castle restoration fund by up to £2.5m.

Sales of souvenirs that include crown-shaped chocolates at £5 a box, the Buckingham Palace Commemorative mug at £10, lion's head carving motif cufflinks at £40 and even a lead crystal bowl burnished with gold at £75, could potentially increase takings by millions. *The Times* can reveal, however, that the souvenir shop is likely to run out of most goods within the first week if the estimated numbers arrive. Royal Collection Enterprises Ltd began ordering the range of trinkets from British manufacturers only in May.

Only 1,000 £20 pure silk ties have been ordered and delivered, while fewer than a dozen of £85 hand-painted enamel boxes have arrived. Suppliers have worked hard to meet the challange of designing and manufacturing the range of fine bone china, crystal, glass, ties, stationery and jewellery.

Alistair Gray, managing director of Ortak, the Orkney-based firm which designed the jewellery, said he had worked to very tight timetable. "We had less than 12 weeks from winning the contract to deliver the range. They were not interested in anything from our standard range and we had to start from scratch."

There are six items in the range, a brooch, a tie retainer, a set of cufflinks, a necklace and two types of earring. The palace has ordered 600 of each item, ranging in price from £20 to £55. "Financially, it is a very important order for us," Mr Gray said. "Obviously we are hoping that they sell well and we get further orders".

Halcyon Days, manufacturer of the enamel pill boxes, was commissioned only in May: each box takes eight weeks to produce by hand. A spokeswoman said the company will be working continuously to make the boxes over the next two months.

The gate money from the palace and the new £3 charge to enter the precincts of Windsor Castle are expected to pay for 70 per cent of the £30 million to £40 million needed to complete Windsor's restoration.

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Pope 'toning down' encyclical

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

SPECULATION was growing yesterday that the Pope had delayed signing his controversial encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* because he is having second thoughts on some of its more controversial elements as a result of reaction to the draft version leaked last week.

According to sources in Rome, the Pope was to have signed the document yesterday, but decided to put off doing so until he returns from a forthcoming visit to America. Apart from the exclusive extracts in *The Times*, copies of the draft have been circulating among theologians in Germany and Italy.

According to a senior Roman Catholic in London yesterday, important changes have been made since the draft surfaced. The main thrust, however, remains the same, and the encyclical unambiguously reaffirms the authority of the church's magisterium (teaching authority) in particular on moral issues.

One source said the encyclical had been "completely reworked". Some of the authoritarian language had been toned down because of pressure from moderates in the church.

But *Veritatis Splendor*, to be published in September or October, will still concentrate on morals, conscience and the responsibilities of theologians. According to today's *Tablet*, the Catholic weekly, the encyclical will provoke "an intense debate about the role of conscience".

The journal says there are fears, based on what is known of the draft, that it "may make claims for the competence of the teaching office that will cause further severe problems for theologians who seek to work both by faith and by reason and to lay people who seek to exercise a responsible, upright conscience in the reception of church teaching".

Nicholas Coote, assistant secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, said: "We have been told officially from the Vatican that the alleged draft, since it surfaced, has been revised. People have been led to suppose that the Pope is going to say, 'birth control is wrong and I am now going to say this infallibly'. The idea has got around that only if a thing is infallible do you have to pay any attention to it. What is being asked for now is a greater attention to the church's teaching authority."

Mr Coote said that the draft had been distributed for consultation "some time ago". The first versions, in Polish and Italian, were sent out three years ago. The extracts published in *The Times* this week were from a copy of a German draft, understood to be about a year old.

Mr Coote said revisions had been made as a result of a consultation process that takes place with all encyclicals, adding: "It is going to be about the validity of objective moral norms. Its emphasis will be on the importance of the individual's conscience being properly formed. It will also be about

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UN behind Karadzic peace offer

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

United Nations officials drafted Radovan Karadzic's offer to turn over two recently captured mountains south of Sarajevo to peace-keeping forces, a senior UN official said yesterday.

"We drafted it, not Karadzic [the Bosnian Serb leader]," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "He changed two words, but it was done by us". The UN insists it is only a mediator between the two sides and that it was not a party to Thursday's offer.

The UN's complicity in what was ostensibly a Serbian offer raises substantial questions about the organisation's political motives. The proposal has been interpreted as an attempt to take the wind out of the sails of pro-interventionists in the West. The UN's involvement in Dr Karadzic's proposition appears to be part of a growing campaign to persuade Western leaders that military action is unnecessary.

General Francis Briquemont, the UN commander in Bosnia, said yesterday that threatening the Serbs with military intervention was hindering the peace process. He met General Ratko Mladic and Rasim Delic, the Serb and Bosnian army commanders, at Sarajevo airport but failed to reach agreement on withdrawal from the mountains. The talks resume tomorrow.

In Central Bosnia, a British soldier was shot and wounded while on patrol yesterday.

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Lloyd's names rush to cash in on B & B

BY JON ASHWORTH AND RODNEY HOBSON

BESIEGED Lloyd's of London names, fearful that they will have to sell their country piles to complete strangers, are being offered an alternative: invite the strangers to stay with you instead.

On the day Buckingham Palace opens its doors, hard-pressed names are clamouring to cash in on a good idea. For as little as £50 per night, wide-eyed Australians and slightly snobbish Dutch housewives can take their place at the dinner table with the famous, if not necessarily the rich, and gain a unique insight into how the other half live.

The country houses should be substantial properties standing in their own grounds, offering stylish accommodation and ample parking. En suite bathrooms are essential but dinner is optional. Those names needing to make the most of the opportunity to make money can charge from £15 per person for dinner.

Discover Britain, a Worcester-based company, has seized on names as prime candidates to run upmarket bed and breakfasts—and the response has been phenomenal. Andrew Grieve, the company's managing director, has singled out Australians, New Zealanders, the Dutch and the French as ideal targets for his scheme, and says it gives names a great opportunity to make up some of their losses.

Mr Grieve said: "We have names in the Cotswolds and in the Home Counties on our books. It gives foreign guests a chance to meet the more comfortably off British people and stay in some of the nicer houses in Britain."

While some names would sooner die than open their doors to complete strangers, others are likely to be less fussy. "Many of them are used to entertaining friends and family," said Mr Grieve. "Here they are doing it and being paid for it. In the present economic climate, the prospect of earning an extra £600 or so a week while enjoying the company of visitors from overseas is very appealing."

His company has about 250 properties on its books, ranging from small country houses surrounded by rolling parkland, to piles like Hammerwood Park, near East Grinstead, in Sussex.

"The people who are coming to us have not been entirely cleaned out but have to look at other ways of

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MARC GIDDINGS

Spare capacity: Michael MacKinlay MacLeod, a Lloyd's name, and wife Dawn, outside their seven-bedroom home where bed and breakfast is on offer

Lloyd's names open homes

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topping up their income," he said. Homeowners will be given at least 24 hours notice of new guests to get a warm welcome prepared.

The names on his books include Michael MacKinlay MacLeod, who lives in a seven-bedroom vicarage in the village of Overbury, Worcestershire and has been a member of Lloyd's for 15 years. The prospect of making a turn on his investment and meeting some cultured visitors from abroad fills him with glee.

"One's always had the feeling that when the children move up to London there is some spare capacity," he said, slipping comfortably into Lloyd's parlance. "One's cashflow isn't as sweet as one hoped it to be, and the two came together."

One concern is that unscrupulous guests might slip one or two of his remaining assets into their overnight bags. "I hope they will be foreign since they are less likely to have sticky fingers," he said.

"They are less likely to take the family silver if they have to cart it off to Timbuktu." The Queen would be inclined to agree.

Former allies live in fear of Thatcher TV revelations

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ *Rumours sweeping through the Tory party suggest the former prime minister may charge John Major's allies with "treason"*

MINISTERS will have treachery on their minds this summer as they lick their wounds after a year of civil war over Europe and deepening unpopularity.

But, for once, their anxieties will not centre on the danger this autumn of a challenge to John Major by dissident right-wingers. Instead, it is their past that promises to come back to haunt them as Baroness Thatcher prepares to tell all about the events of November 1990.

In an artfully contrived teaser, the BBC, which is to screen the former prime minister's account of her fall, has already whetted the appetite of the media and set the alarm bells ringing through Whitehall. As Hugh Scully, the series producer, put it: "She feels that the behaviour of some of her cabinet colleagues was treachery."

Most MPs would accept that if she merely relives the well documented saga of the leadership contest, in particular the night the cabinet told her one by one that she should step aside, she may cause some acute embarrassment to household names such as Kenneth Clarke, Chris Patten and Malcolm Rifkind.

But there is another more menacing rumour sweeping through the ranks of her supporters: that she might suggest that supporters of John Major and Douglas Hurd were plotting against her days before the first ballot on Tuesday, November 20, 1990, in which she failed to beat off the challenge from Michael Heseltine.

Edward Leigh, the junior trade minister sacked by Mr Major in May, is the only one to go on record. He told *The Times* yesterday: "She may mean that the cabinet let her down at the moment of truth. There was no real effort made to test support on the Wednesday after the first ballot. But she may also mean that there was a degree of pre-planning in all this. If that is what she means it is a sensation. There never has been any proof but she may know something we don't."

Others in the Thatcher circle make the same point, emphasising that she is well aware of the suggestion that before the votes were counted, members of the Hurd and Major camps were putting out feelers to backbenchers. But the conspiracy theorists have a lot of work to do if they are to substantiate their claims that Mr Major and Mr Hurd, who both entered the race after Mrs Thatcher resigned on November 21, had in any way connived at her downfall.

The most detailed and authoritative account of her fall appears in Bruce Anderson's biography of John Major. He concludes that the "stab-in-the-back" theory lacks any supporting evidence. But, according to Lady Thatcher's supporters, Mr Anderson goes too far is asserting there was no evidence of moves against her before the first ballot.

The irreconciliables of the Thatcher camp admit that their evidence that Mr Major and Mr Hurd, or more likely their friends, were plying for votes before the first ballot is circumstantial and that her cry of treachery might be no more than an emotional verdict on the peeling away of her support after the first ballot.

But if, in her memoirs and her television interviews, both of which she wants held back until after the hazardous passage of the Tory conference in Blackpool in early October, she widens the attack, the effects could be incalculable.

As Mr Leigh said yesterday: "There are deeper waters here than we were aware of at the time."

Hell hath no fury: Lady Thatcher speaks out

Jobs for teenagers scarce says Labour

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

JOB prospects for 395,000 school-leavers this summer are the grimmest ever, with 125,000 of last year's 16 and 17-year-olds still out of work, according to research by the Labour party.

Frank Dobson, the shadow employment secretary, said government figures showed only one in eight of the age group had a job by the winter, although he admitted that 70 per cent were still in full-time education.

Mr Dobson said the figures were particularly alarming because the number of young people in the population was falling sharply. The result would be "a lost generation, alienated, disgruntled and possibly dangerous".

"Without a real economic upturn, this generation of school-leavers could be the first generation this century to end up worse off than their parents," he said.

Mr Dobson pointed to pockets of particularly high youth unemployment in London, where 29 per cent of 16 and 17-year-olds are unemployed; in the South West, with an 18-year-old jobless rate of 24 per cent; and in the North West, where 25 per cent of 18-year-olds are out of work. The overall unemployment rate for 18-19-year-olds had almost doubled from 9.8 per cent in April 1990 to 18.1 per cent in April this year.

Mr Dobson conceded that it was difficult to calculate how many school-leavers were looking for work.

Radiation victims may sue the NHS

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

BREAST cancer patients who have been permanently damaged by radiation treatment intended to cure them may attempt a group action for compensation. More than 350 women treated at several hospitals have come forward in the past six months claiming crippling injuries that have left many sufferers without full use of their hands and arms. Some have needed amputation.

Side-effects to radiotherapy treatment for breast cancer have been well documented since the 1960s. Medical experts, however, had considered their occurrence to date to be negligible.

Professor Karol Sikora, consultant oncologist and radiotherapist at Hammersmith hospital, west London, said that there was now cause for concern. "This is a large number of women to have come forward, almost all with identical injuries. The question is whether it is due to faulty radiotherapy techniques or to abnormal responses to treatment."

Sarah Brennan, legal adviser to Rage, a campaigning group for women suffering the effects of radiation exposure, said one common factor was the high dosage of radiation the women had received.

"Some have been told by the hospital where they were treated that their injuries were caused by radiotherapy, but it was extremely unusual. Others have received no explanation at all."

Dr Jill Bullimore, dean of clinical oncology at the Royal College of Radiology, said more than 20,000 women each year were treated for breast cancer, most with some sort of radiation. "Our first priority is to cure the cancer. The second is to minimise long-term effects. You cannot cure cancer and expect everything to be in perfect order afterwards."

Drug cuts criticised

MORE health service cash is lost through waste than is spent on the total NHS drugs bill, a leading figure in the drugs industry claimed yesterday as he accused the government of wrongly picking on the industry for cuts.

Dr John Griffin, director of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, said that medicines accounted for 9 per cent of all NHS spending, yet ministers claimed 10 per cent of the total budget was mis-spent.

Despite this, the government was considering ways of cutting the bill rather than concentrating on stamping out inefficiencies.

Dr Griffin, speaking in London at the publication of the association's annual report, said health department figures showed spending on the NHS had soared in the past 15 years while that on drugs had remained constant.

A government working party was currently drawing up restrictions in ten different drug categories to limit the number used in the NHS.

"How can the government justify further cut-backs on medicines when other costs in the NHS are so much greater? They should be supporting better public health by increasing use of medicines rather than waiting for patients to end up as expensive hospital cases," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police fear trouble at Gardner march

Senior Scotland Yard officers are concerned that white anarchist groups could disrupt today's north London protest march in memory of Joy Gardner (Richard Ford writes). As supporters of Mrs Gardner's family and Bernie Grant, the Labour MP for Tottenham, played down fears of violence, Scotland Yard said it feared that groups of squatters from Dalston and Hackney might cause trouble.

The Home Office was under renewed pressure last night to hold a public enquiry into the case following a disclosure that police kept the keys to Mrs Gardner's flat for several hours after her collapse. Mrs Gardner, 40, died last Sunday after a struggle with police serving a deportation order.

Jewel gang jailed

Three members of a "Pink Panther-style" gang were jailed by Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court, Westminster, for four years for planning a raid on Cartier in London last October. Judge Fabyan Evans said it was "one of the most sophisticated burglaries of commercial property that has taken place in recent years".

£5,000 reward offered

Detectives and community leaders have put up a £5,000 reward to catch the killers of Stephen Lawrence, 18, a black schoolboy who was stabbed at a bus stop in Eltham, south-east London, on April 22. Officers have launched a fresh appeal for witnesses after charges were dropped against two teenagers accused of killing him.

Death apology refused

The mother of a nine-year-old boy who caused the death of John Logan, 73, of Maryport, Cumbria, yesterday refused to let her son apologise. She said the boy was being made a scapegoat for an accident. She spoke after he was identified at an inquest as the culprit who had blocked the war veteran's chimney with wood, causing him to suffocate.

Royal Mail robbery

An armed robber escaped with up to £1 million yesterday after holding up a security van making a delivery to a Royal Mail depot. The masked man snatched bags of money from two guards at Angel Way, Romford, Essex, after firing a shot. One guard was hit over the head and was treated at the scene.

Child molester jailed

A paedophile was jailed for 11 years yesterday after being caught with a boy when police raided the flat to which he lured children. Victor Terry, 42, equipped the south London flat of a fellow child molester with computers, video games and fishing gear to draw local boys there. He was convicted of buggery and admitted indecent assault against two boys.

Rape suspect named

Police investigating the alleged rape and false imprisonment of two girls, aged 14 and 15, yesterday named a man they wished to question in connection with the double attack as Peter Tobin, below, who has disappeared from his home in Havant, Hampshire. Detectives said one of the girls suffered serious internal injuries. She was in a serious but stable condition at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Cosham, Hampshire. Officers were first alerted when the two girls went missing from their homes last Wednesday night. The next morning the 15-year-old returned home and told her parents they had been raped. Tobin, 46, is 5ft 6in tall, has a Scottish accent and is believed to be driving a blue Metro, registration OMW 574Y.

Ex-soccer chief jailed

David Duff, 38, a solicitor and former chairman of Hibernian Football Club, was jailed for two years by Winchester Crown Court yesterday for cheating building societies out of hundreds of thousands of pounds. He enlisted the help of two employees, one his lover, and milked clients' accounts to fund business ventures and reduce debts.

Anti-prostitute patrol

Housewives have formed a patrol to scare prostitutes away from a suburban street in Moseley, Birmingham. Barbara Barnsley, 63, said: "When we see a prostitute, we call each other up to go out and yell at her until she goes away. The men help too." Residents have also asked the council to build flower barricades to prevent kerb-crawling.

Cheque thieves jailed

Three men who stole cheques worth £5.7 million from the Inland Revenue were jailed at Snaresbrook Crown Court yesterday for seven years. Terence Dobson, 25, of Leytonstone, Alvin Brissett, 33, and Mark Dunn, 30, both of Walthamstow, robbed a security guard as she left a tax office in Stratford, east London, last November.

Pool boy resuscitated

A boy aged 10 was found unconscious at the bottom of a swimming pool in Hebburn, Tyne and Wear yesterday. David Anthony Barr, of Jarrow, was dragged to the surface by a pool attendant and resuscitated. His condition was described as critical last night.

Pope ruling 'revised'

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the duties and responsibilities of moral theologians."

He said the encyclical would refer to birth control, but denied that the Pope was trying to turn back the clock. "It is just being said with a greater emphasis, or a greater authority."

The Vatican is known to be keen to see greater observance of the prescription against contraception in Paul VI's *Humanae Vitae*, published 25 years ago. Many Catholics believe a "conscience clause" has been recognised in the case of *Humanae Vitae*, which was stated at the time not to be infallible.

The Pope said yesterday he would like to see Paul VI move quickly on the road to sainthood. At a mass for the fifteenth anniversary of his death at the papal summer retreat south of Rome, he said: "Our hope is that the Lord will let us see his servant raised to the honours of the altars as soon as possible."

☐ The Church Society, a traditionalist church charity, yesterday lodged an application in the High Court for a judicial review challenging the parliamentary ecclesiastical committee's support for women's ordination. The Church Society alleges the committee refused to hear evidence suggesting the synod may have exceeded its powers.

Memory men recall our winning ways

BY ROBIN YOUNG

MEMORY plays strange tricks. In Dominic O'Brien's case it fills his head with such things as the running order of up to 35 packs of cards shuffled together and dealt at random. For Philip Bond those unforgettable things include the first several thousand digits in the decimal value of *pi*.

Mr O'Brien, who is 35 and lives in Hertfordshire, is the current world memory champion. Mr Bond, a researcher in the arbitrage team at Salomon Brothers, is among the 16 athletes of the mind who will be trying to out-reminisce him at Memoriad '93 this weekend at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, London.

Mr O'Brien started committing things to memory as a hobby, but has now turned professional and practises every day, trying to develop new mnemonic schemes for committing numbers, objects or cards to memory.

He has refined his system for memorising a randomly shuffled deck of cards so that he can now do it in just 55 seconds. As a result of that feat, he has been banned from most casinos where blackjack is played.

Mr Bond specialises in matrix-memorisation. He not only has the first 12,000 places of *pi* off pat but, quoted a five-figure sequence from anywhere within the first 5,000 or so, he can provide the five figures that precede it and the five that follow, without having to run through the boring business of reciting the lot.

Of the 16 competitors at Memoriad all are British save for Melik Duyar, the Turkish champion. As Britain's prowess at other things has declined, it seems we have established world dominance in the business of drawing on the memory bank.

The tasks the competitors will tackle during Memoriad, for which spectators will be charged £10 admission (£5 for children), include marathons such as committing a 2,000-digit number or 12 randomly shuffled packs of cards to memory in an hour, and sprints, in which only slightly less daunting tasks are tackled against the clock.

At the last such event the audience were invited to stand up in turn and say their name once, after which competitors tried to recall them.

The winner scored 46, which is a lesson to all of us who have hopelessly flunked at introductions at social gatherings.

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Palace cast stays away as peasants view the pageant

BY ALAN HAMILTON

TODAY the Queen rolls out the red carpet to welcome the masses to her London home. The carpet is pale beige moving to deep crimson, industrial grade and brand new: she has wisely rolled up some of her more valuable floor coverings to preserve them from the feet of the trudging peasantry.

The chatelaine of Buckingham Palace will not be around to gladhand the paying customers who are helping to fund the restoration of Windsor Castle; she and her family will remain safely ensconced at Balmoral until the last tourist has gone. What she leaves behind is a set of staterooms which, though stunning in their opulence of decor and paintings, are utterly impersonal.

Visitors will search in vain for some sign that the monarch lives here, such as a family snapshot or a dog's bowl, or for evidence that she works here — a dubbing sword or red dispatch box, for instance.

Although visitors may take the tour at their own pace, they are kept to a precisely defined and roped-off route, well away from private apartments or functioning offices. Like Versailles or the Winter Palace in St Petersburg, this could be a museum in a nation long turned republican.

Of course, we know otherwise, and that knowledge gives the palace its peculiar attraction, coupled with the fact that we have never been let in before. Nevertheless, had the Queen strolled down the Mall at midday yesterday, she might have been mildly dismayed to note that the queue camping for the first tickets stretched to barely a dozen.

Reporters given a preview yesterday faced an immediate obstacle: a lengthy queue to have their credentials checked and their persons searched for cameras, mobile telephones or bombs. Today's visitors to the palace, already armed with their tickets, will still have to queue for one of three security channels.

From Ambassadors' Entrance, the route emerges into the courtyard to offer the first surprise: the rest of the palace is nothing like its familiar east frontage, an early 20th century addition which gives it the appearance of a large branch of Barclays.

Behind that is a surprisingly fine Georgian pile in honeyed stone. The beige carpet beneath its perspex canopy steers well away from the windows of the private apartments on the far side of the quad and its immaculately-raked gravel.

At the Grand Entrance, beige turns to crimson underfoot as you climb the Grand Staircase, its gilded balustrade encased in perspex to preserve it from a multitude of sweaty fingers.

At the top of the stairs, the palace ballroom is, maddeningly, excluded from the tour. The Earl of Airlie, the Lord Chamberlain, hovering helpfully, explained that they had

Airlie: explained storage problems

to have *somewhere* to store those rolled-up carpets, and the furniture that has been moved out for the tourist season.

Through the little Guard Room, with its statue of Queen Victoria looking as though she had been frozen while playing deck quoits, the route emerges into the splendid Green Drawing Room, a sort of early exercise in Sanderson colour co-ordination, with curtains, walls and furniture all in matching green and gold, and a Sèvres vase shaped like a boat that once belonged to Madame de Pompadour.

The mood changes to heavy crimson for the Throne Room, then to dusky pink for the light and airy Picture Gallery with its Rubens, Van Dycks and Rembrandts. In the salmon-pink Silk Tapestry Room there are no silk tapestries, but a Ramsay portrait of Queen Charlotte and two of her children, none of whom could be described as raving beauties. In the white and gold East Gallery you can see how Winterhalter was able to make Victoria and her entire family cloyingly pretty.

Through the little West Gallery and back to the deep crimson walls and improbably ornate ceiling of the State Dining Room, with its portraits of George IV and six other Hanoverians. The dining table has been moved out, giving an uninterrupted view of the two marble fireplaces with their one-bar electric fires.

The Blue Drawing Room, with its toffee-coloured columns painted to look like onyx and its brass and porcelain table that once belonged to Napoleon, is a serious case of decorative dyspepsia.

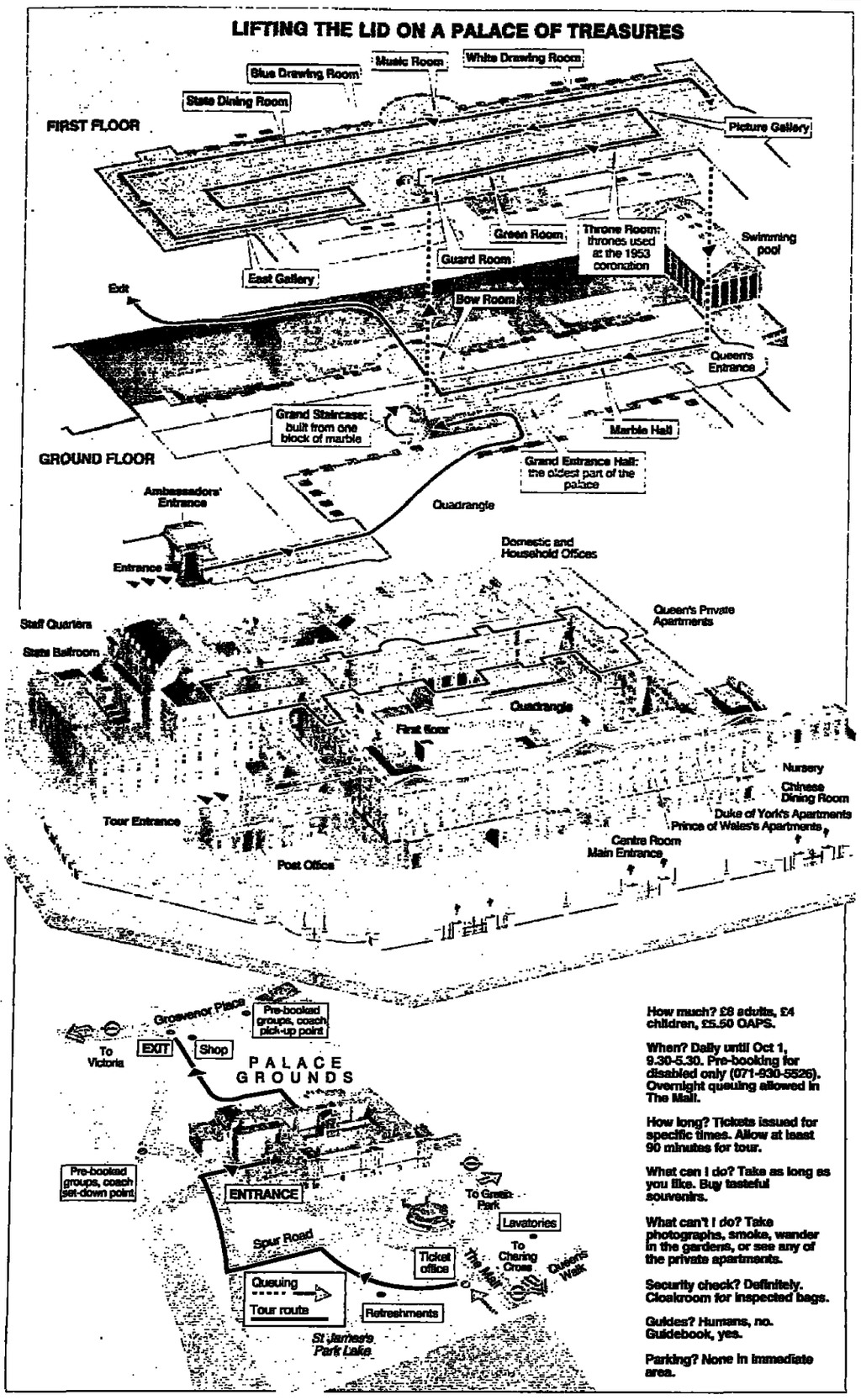
Much more restful is the Music Room, where Mendelssohn played for Victoria, the Princess of Wales tap-danced on the marquetry floor, and her husband held a disco before his wedding. After the attentions of skilled craftsmen, the floor has more or less recovered.

Observe, in the coolly elegant White Drawing Room, the huge mirror to the left of the fireplace. It is a cunningly concealed door, through which the royal family make a dramatic entrance before a formal dinner. It is a relief, after such opulence, to descend the relatively plain Ministers' Stairs, through the sculpture-filled Marble Hall with its erotic pairing of Mars and Venus, and out on to the terrace, round the edge of the garden, on a path that leads directly to the toilets and the souvenir shop.

"It's not as ornate as I thought it might have been," a journalist from New Zealand remarked after the tour. "It's almost cosy, more homely than Versailles, but to say it looked lived-in would be going too far."

Andrew Morton, chronicler of the Princess of Wales's private life, was more enthusiastic. "It's like going backstage at the longest-running soap opera in history," he said. Yes, but without the cast.

Palace queues, page 1



Royal tour: visitors to Buckingham Palace can look forward to its stunning opulence of decor and paintings

Tasteful souvenirs include crowns in chocolate

BY ALAN HAMILTON

IN BLACKPOOL you buy silly hats and sticks of rock. In Venice nasty plastic gondolas adorned with multi-coloured fairy lights. As a memento of your visit to Buckingham Palace, you would expect something a little more, well, *tasteful*.

You will not be disappointed although, after paying £8 entrance and visiting the strategically placed souvenir shop at the end of the palace tour, you may well be strapped for the cash to buy a square meal. Taste costs money.

How about a hand-painted enamel box bearing on its lid a miniature reproduction of Sir Thomas Lawrence's portrait of George IV in his coronation robes? At £85, it is the dearest single item in the shop. Too much? Some fine English bone china perhaps, decorated in gold, with motifs taken from the damask in the White and Green Drawing Rooms: £25 for a cup and saucer, or £10 for a mug displaying the words *Buckingham Palace*. You want the neighbours to know where you've been, after all.

Still too much? Very well, we will descend to the box of crown-shaped chocolates at £4, the official video at £10 or, at the very bottom of the shopping list, five postcards for £2. All exceedingly tasteful, naturally.

"We have pitched the souvenir shop fairly upmarket, at about the level you might expect to find at a National Trust property," a palace spokesman said. But unlike National Trust shops, there will be no designer marmalades, obscure varieties of English mustard, or fancy games to occupy the children on the car journey home.

The Queen is already a considerable entrepreneur in the fancy goods trade, with souvenir shops at all her official residences as well as her two private homes. That at the Queen's Gallery in the palace precincts sells reproductions of pictures in the Royal Collection, as well as a range of royal books of the more approved sort. At the Balmoral shop, on the other hand, you can buy stout Scottish walking sticks and tartan. When you are in the souvenir trade, it pays to know your market.

Minicab driver dies after police check

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

MOHAMED Nazir, a minicab driver, collapsed and died at a council depot at Slough, Berkshire, early yesterday, where police were checking about 20 vehicles.

Manjit Singh Avjla, one of his colleagues, claimed that Thames Valley police made Mr Nazir, 57, of Slough, continue with an MoT-style test even though he had suffered a heart attack. Mr Nazir's request to be allowed home to get a tablet had been refused, he said. Shortly after midnight Mr Nazir was taken to hospital, where he was found to be dead.

A police enquiry was launched an hour later. Officers admitted their speedy action was taken against the background of the Joy Gardner deportation death.

A spokesman for Thames Valley police said: "Mr Nazir was asked to put his taxi on a ramp so that it could be inspected. At that point he became very agitated and excited. He then collapsed. There is absolutely no suggestion of a struggle and he was not under arrest."

Trouble feared, page 2

Pestered woman says 'nightmare' continues

THE BT executive who accused a colleague of pestering her with abusive messages yesterday said he was continuing to make her life a nightmare.

A day after Michael Haughney withdrew his case for unfair dismissal from his job at Osterly, west London, at an industrial tribunal and apologised for his "obnoxious" messages and letters, Leesa Lemm accused him of repeating false allegations.

"He is continuing the harassment for which he was dismissed by BT. The last five years have been a nightmare and I can see no end to it," she said after Dr Haughney, 30, held a press conference at which he repeated claims that they had had an affair.

Miss Lemm, 27, yesterday described him as a "man who is sadly obsessed". She said: "I am very disappointed because I thought this tribunal would be a turning point. His comments make it seem nothing has changed. I just want to be left alone to get on with my life."

Dr Haughney, a computer analyst dismissed for sexual harassment, claimed BT used Miss Lemm's accusations to sack him after he complained of poor managament.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Fugitive from fame

'For some directors Harrison Ford is the 'actor from hell', persistent and stubborn. For others his creative input has

been the making of their movies. Will his new film, The Fugitive, in which he turns from respected surgeon to suspected wife-killer, be another runaway success?'

The man who graduated from crass bit parts to being the biggest film star in the world. The Magazine, The Sunday Times, tomorrow . . .

Bulgarian nightmare: Peter Eustace with his wife Chris and daughter Lorraine

Bulgarian idyll turns sour

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH tourists cut short holidays in Bulgaria yesterday and flew home complaining that instead of staying, as promised, in a luxury hotel on the Black Sea they had been forced to share beds in villagers' homes.

Bulgarian families had been asked at the last moment to help accommodate the Britons after travel arrangements in the country apparently collapsed.

The Association of British Travel Agents is demanding an urgent meeting with Bulgarian tourist officials to discuss the claims of overbooking which followed the recent privatisation of the country's tourist industry.

"Unfortunately the individual agencies set up to handle the incoming visitors did not appear to talk to each other. While one was booking hotels with the Germans, another was negotiating with the same hotel to accept French tourists and yet another the British," an Abta spokesman said. "We are now seeking an urgent meeting with the Bulgarian authorities to explain our serious concern at the way British tourists have been treated."

One group of holiday-makers who had paid £400 each for their two-week break described yesterday how they booked a holiday in a three-star hotel but ended up sleeping in a village where nobody spoke English and families were forced to share a single bed. Peter Eustace, 41, said: "We booked the holiday nearly a year ago because the hotel looked so lovely. Instead we got a dilapidated bedroom in a peasant family's house."

He and other British holidaymakers held a protest meeting and were promised a refund to stay on, but about 30 preferred to be flown home.

Andria Chambers of the Central Midlands Co-op, which made the bookings through Balkan Holidays, said: "The overbooking problem was caused by the local hoteliers, not us. We did advise the families ten days before they flew out that there was an overbooking problem, but that they would be offered alternative accommodation."

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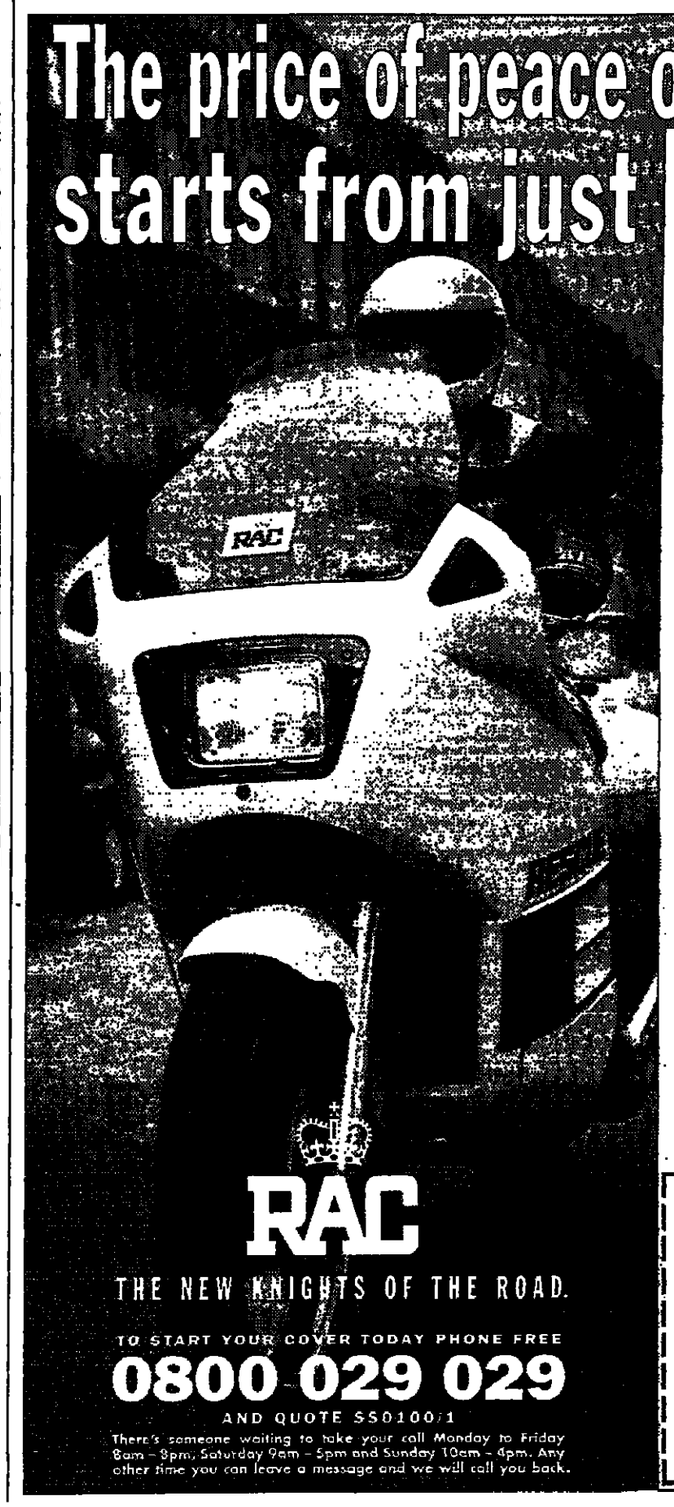

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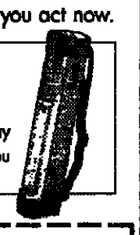

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MPs angered by cautions for young bike thieves

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A POLICE decision to caution a group of schoolboy thieves who stole mountain bikes worth £20,000 yesterday prompted calls by senior MPs for tougher penalties and a review of cautioning practices.

The present system of cautioning was criticised last month in a report from the Commons' select committee on home affairs. Increasingly used in recent years to keep juveniles and minor offenders from court, the latest case will encourage critics who say the process needs national guidelines and penalties.

The nine-member gang, all aged 15, operated for more than seven months and stole at least 30 bicycles worth between £70 and £2,000 each. They were stolen to order and stored in a derelict house. The boys, based in Reading, Berkshire, kept inventories and would even follow cyclists to work or carry out burglaries to get a specific model.

Mountain-bike theft is a fast-growing crime because of the high value of the machines and the ease with which they can be stolen. On average, cycles sell for £300, but bikes worth ten times that amount are not unusual. Riders have little protection against determined thieves who can force chains or strip frames bare in minutes. A fashion for quick-release wheels and saddles doesn't improve security. Mountain bikes are popular targets as they can be sold quickly for sizable sums.

Defending the decision not to charge the boys, Detective Chief Inspector Adrian Becks, head of CID at Reading, said the group included two ringleaders and most of the boys played lesser roles. The decision was made by senior officers, teachers and the social services, following Home Office guidelines.

Mr Becks said the boys were cautioned because it was their first offence and there were genuine signs of remorse. He said they were all formally cautioned, which meant it had been recorded and could be cited against them later. Mr Becks said that although the thefts were serious, they should be kept in context. He did not believe the use of a caution was seen by young offenders as a soft punishment which encouraged further crime.

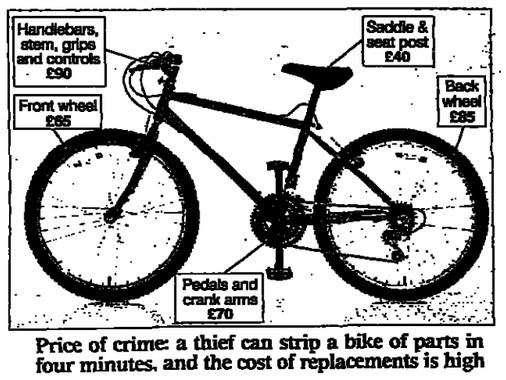
The boys could have gone before a court and been put on probation or received a conditional discharge, but they would then have a criminal record which would effect their attitude towards leading honest lives.

"We have not gone soft on crime. The most important thing is these youngsters get the chance to make a mistake, even a big mistake, and then go on and lead industrious lives," he said. Most juveniles who received a caution did not re-offend.

But Sir Gerard Vaughan, Conservative MP for Reading East, said the police caution was a disgrace. "It shows how urgent the need is for the home secretary to do something," he said. "We need a few disciplinarian sentences with a lot of publicity. These particular boys should have been taken into custody." He said juvenile criminals should no longer be allowed to remain anonymous.

Sir Ivan Lawrence, Conservative MP for Burton and chairman of the select committee, said there was inconsistency in the use of cautioning throughout the country. "National guidelines should be laid down and we are concerned that these guidelines should be tightened," Sir Ivan said. He said juvenile offenders should receive no more than two cautions except in the most exceptional circumstances.

The Home Office said guidelines on the use of cautioning were sent out in 1990.



Price of crime: a thief can strip a bike of parts in four minutes, and the cost of replacements is high

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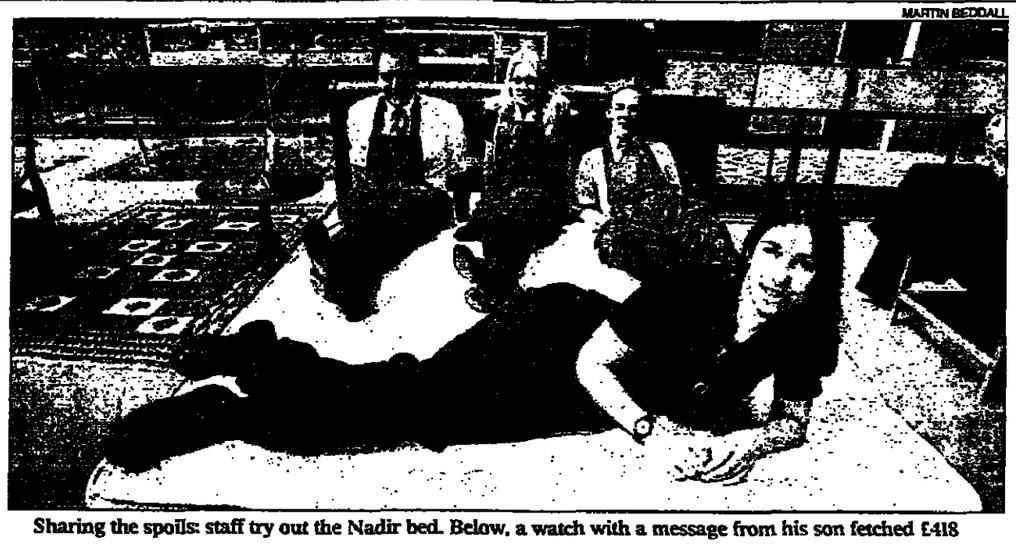
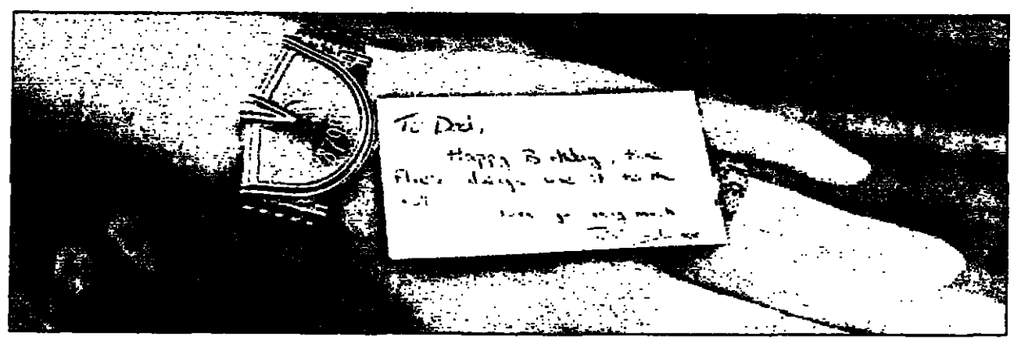


Sharing the spoils: staff try out the Nadir bed. Below, a watch with a message from his son fetched £418



Nadir's London life goes for a song

BY JAMIE DETTMER AND JAMES GOSS

DID Asil Nadir glance over the video collection in his Belgravia flat the night before fleeing to northern Cyprus? Did he chuckle or grimace when he saw titles like *The Wrong Arm of the Law* or *Lock-up*? Did he wince when his eyes rested on *Great Expectations*?

The auction of "the personal property of business tycoon, Asil Nadir" at Christie's South Kensington salerooms yesterday did provide a rare insight into the private life of the former head of Polly Peck International. But it did so by raising interesting questions.

What kind of man needs eight television sets in a two-bedroomed flat? Why did he have the video *Solitudes — Loon County by Canoe*? What went through his mind as he read the paperback *Asil Nadir and the Rise and Fall of Polly Peck*?

The handful of professional art dealers and the dozens of amateur bidders and souvenir seekers who turned up for the auction of 120 lots were openly startled by the mundane nature of much that was on sale from Mr Nadir's Eaton Square flat. Even so, the sale of the remnants of Mr Nadir's life in London fetched £73,000 for his creditors, more than double what Christie's predicted.

Only one lot — a series of eight oil paintings of Turkish military officers — caused any real excitement. The paintings, which had sold at Sotheby's in 1989 for £22,000, went to a dealer for £9,900. "Yes, I got a bargain," Kamil Kitapci of Ottoman Antiques, said. "I was bidding for an Istanbul collector." Could the paintings find their way back to Mr Nadir? "No, no way."

Apart from a chinoiserie writing desk, which fetched £5,500, and a George III mahogany bookcase, which went for £4,950, there was little to interest the serious antique collector. But Katherine Higgins, Christie's press officer, said the sale was going well because of the "cachet attached to Mr Nadir's name". One man seemed rather less convinced: "I came out of curiosity. There is some nice stuff, but most of it is rubbish."

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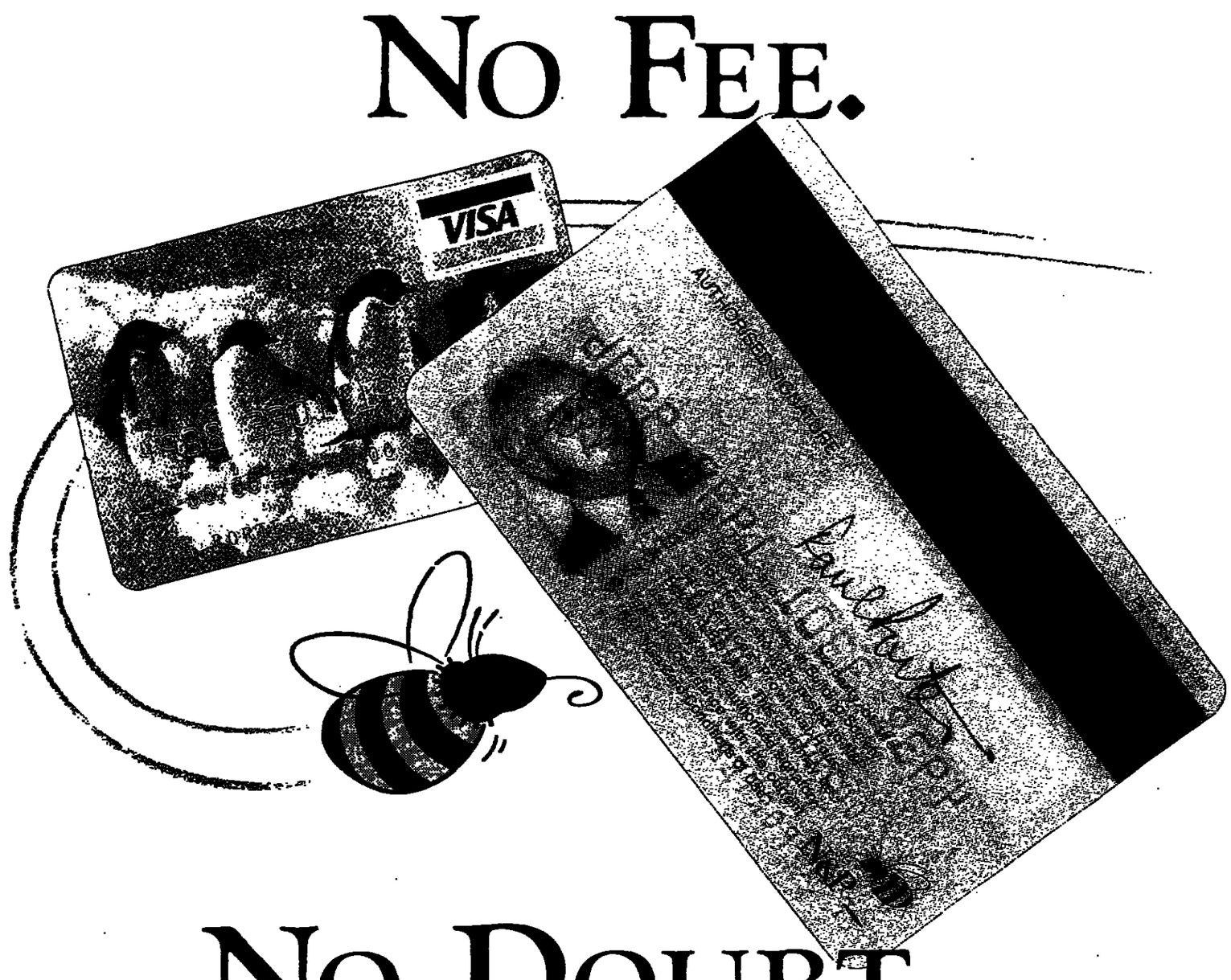

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Council fined for faulty work which killed tenant, 78

By Ronald Faux

MANCHESTER City Council was yesterday fined a maximum £25,000 after 800 faulty central heating systems were installed in council homes by the direct works department in a "disastrous" replacement programme that caused the death of a council tenant.

After Albert Mason, 78, died of carbon monoxide poisoning an investigation discovered the other wrongly installed systems. The council pleaded guilty and was fined £5,000 by Manchester magistrates for installing the faulty equipment in Mr Mason's home and £20,000 under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

As a result of the investigation, Penny Badcoe, director of the city's direct works department, resigned and other managers and workers face disciplinary hearings. Charles Garside, for the council, said the tragedy was sincerely regretted. "There are going to be no scapegoats but on the other hand nobody is going to be protected from proper action being taken against them."

Paul Blackburn, of the Health and Safety Executive, told the court that 800 of the 1,840 warm-air gas heaters installed on 19 council estates had to be switched off for the safety of tenants. He said that at Mr Mason's home in Hendham Vale, a metal plate that should have been screwed to the wall had been fixed with tape. Another plate had become detached allowing carbon monoxide to circulate.

Few if any workers fitting the heaters had experience of such systems. Despite the scale of the scheme proper instructions were not given on installation or quality checks, Mr Blackburn said.

There were no arrangements to check safety, and installation methods were improvised. The acting supervisor in charge of the replacements on Mr Mason's estate had received no training or instructions on his responsibilities. "The consequences of so many heaters wrongly installed could have been far more serious. It is suggested this arose from attitudes in the council leading to complacency." Derrick Fairclough, the stipendiary magistrate, said: "I have never sought to hide the fact I think the maximum fine within my power is really insufficient punishment for what happened."

Relatives of Mr Mason were angry at the outcome. His brother Ernest, 69, from Sale, Manchester, said: "It is the most disgusting thing I have ever heard. It should have gone to the Crown Court." Another brother, Roy Mason, 62, from Audenshaw, Manchester, said his brother had collapsed twice at home in the months leading up to his death in March last year, but he had been treated in hospital for suspected heart attacks. "It is obvious now that this was affecting him before."

Vernon Cressey, the city council administrator, said later that the council accepted the court's decision and the maximum penalty. It is understood that more than a dozen civil actions by tenants claiming their health was affected by fumes from the wrongly installed heaters are planned.

ASHLEY COOMBES

Cracking up: this greenhouse is on the move, together with several other houses in Bolsover, Derbyshire, after cracks, which first appeared a year ago in the former mining town, opened into a large hole. Three houses have been demolished so far and others will follow; people are being made homeless and businesses are suffering

Computer 'rebuilds' body's face

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

HUMBERSIDE police seeking to identify a body yesterday circulated images created for them by scientists using computer techniques which can build up a face from marks left on a skull.

Officers hope the technology, which adapts techniques used by archaeologists, will lead to an identification of the body in Britain or by European police.

The man, who had been dead for more than three months, was washed ashore on a beach at Out Newton, near Withersea, Humberside, in May. Part of one of his hands had been severed but scientists could find no cause of death.

Police worked with the forensic science department at Charing Cross Hospital in west London where the man's skull was scanned with lasers to measure all the facial fault lines. These were then compared with a data base of millions of individual facial features and those most likely to fit the man were then joined to produce a computer image. Insp Nigel Stevens, of Humberside police, said: "Unfortunately we cannot recreate the colour of his skin, eyes, or hair."

Teenager killed by friend playing golf

By Helen Nowicka

A TEENAGER whose first love was golf died after he was hit on the head by a ball struck by his best friend.

Robert Hearfield, 17, of Coulby Newham, near Middlesbrough, was with a group practising strokes on a school playing field near his home when the freak accident happened on Monday.

The sixth-form student was hit on the side of the head by a golf ball driven from about 15 yards away. He was taken to hospital after the accident, but did not regain consciousness and died the next day in intensive care after a blood clot developed on his brain.

Robert, the eldest of three children, was a keen golfer and idolised British player Nick Faldo, whom he had recently watched play in the Open at Sandwich. His father, also called Robert, said: "He was a fanatic, he just lived for golf.

"It doesn't make it better for us, but if there was any way he would have wanted to go it would have been playing his favourite sport."

Robert's mother, Linda, Cleveland, said the family did not blame the unnamed friend for her son's death. "It was nobody's fault. It came out of the blue — no one could have done anything to help. The friend was terribly upset because they had grown up together," she said.

An inquest into the death has been opened and adjourned to allow Robert's funeral to be held on Monday.

The Middlesbrough municipal golf club, where Robert was a member, flew the clubhouse flag at half-mast yesterday.

Robert Hearfield: died after freak accident

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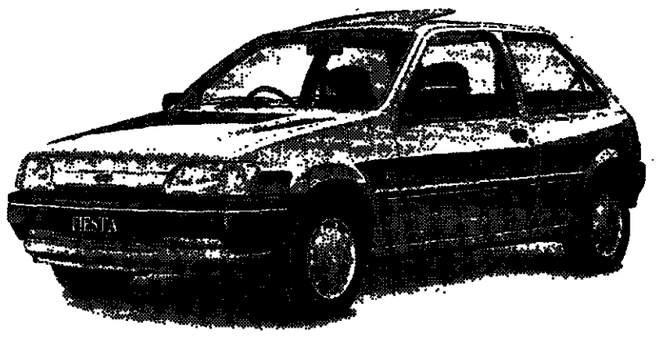

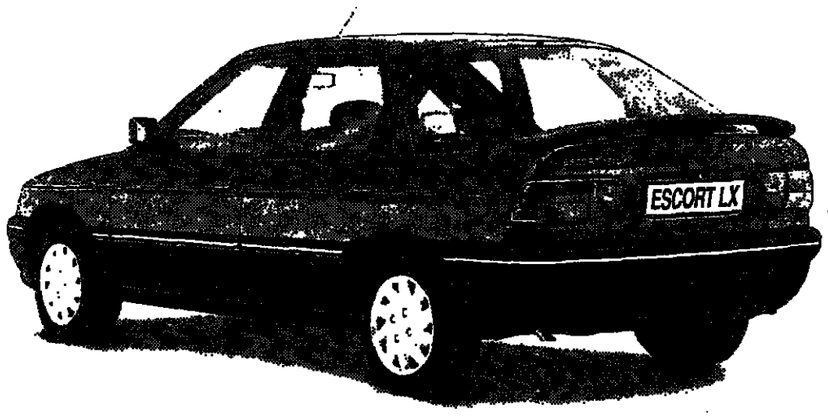

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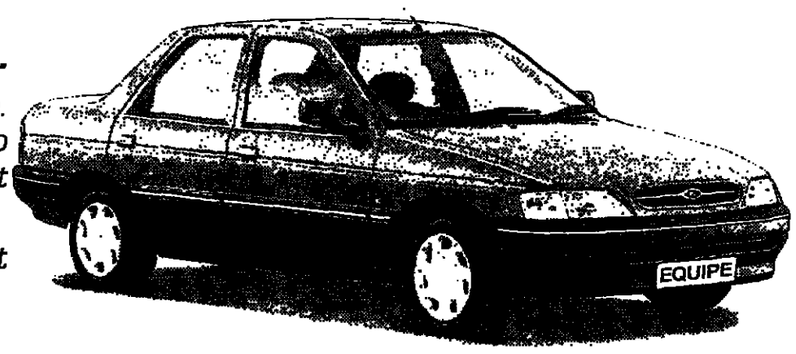

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THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

By Raymond Keene, chess correspondent

I CONCLUDE my selection of games from the Fide interzonal with a win by the young Indian grandmaster Barua over Topalov, a highly rated Bulgarian and one of the pre-tournament favourites.

India, the land where chess was probably invented, can boast two strong players in Anand, currently rated third highest in the world, and Barua himself, a frequent visitor to British events.

White: Barua
Black: Topalov
Biel Fide interzonal 1993

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	Bb5+	Bd7
4	Bxd7+	Qxd7
5	0-0	e6
6	b3	Nf6
7	Re1	Nc6
8	Bb2	Be7
9	d4	cxd4
10	Nxd4	0-0
11	c4	Rfd8
12	Nc3	Rac8
13	Qd2	b6
14	Rad1	a6
15	a4	Na5
16	Qe3	Ne8
17	f4	Qb7
18	Kh1	Bf8
19	Qh3	Nc7
20	Rd3	Nc6
21	Nxc6	Qxc6
22	Qh4	Ne8
23	Rh3	h6
24	Rg3	Kh7
25	f5	exd5
26	Nd5	b5
27	axb5	axb5
28	Qf4	bxc4
29	Qxf5+	Kg8
30	Bxg7	Black resigns

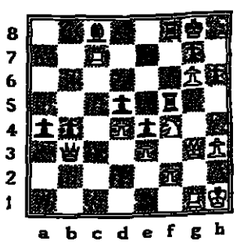
One of the best

Undoubtedly the three greatest United Kingdom chess personalities have been Staunton, Short and Blackburne.

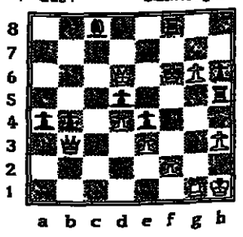
Blackburne was famous for simultaneous displays and drinking whisky. Once, according to *The Oxford Companion to Chess*, Blackburne, walking round the boards, drained his opponent's glass of whisky, saying "he left it *en prise*, and I took it *en passant*".

Here is another brilliant Blackburne finish. The moves have been set out so as to assist readers who are new to following chess moves.

White: Blackburne
Black: Lipschutz
New York 1889



1	Rxg7+	Kxg7
2	Nh5+	Rxh5
3	Qc7+	Kf6
4	Qd6+	Black resigns



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Battle lines drawn in Hastings over fate of classic pitch

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE fate of one of England's most elegant and historic cricket grounds, in Hastings, East Sussex, is due to be decided at a special meeting of the council's planning and highways committee next week.

For generations the central cricket ground, unique in being at the very heart of a town of its size, has played host to the great figures of the game. In successive festival matches in September 1947 Denis Compton beat Jack Hobbs's record for the most centuries in a season and overtook Tom Hayward's 1906 aggregate of 3,518 runs in a single first class summer. Both his records (18 centuries and 3,816 runs) still stand and are unlikely ever to be surpassed.

In those days the ground was filled to capacity long before the start of play, and the overflow crowds could be heard cheering from the surrounding cliffhops. But Sussex has dropped Hastings as a county venue, and the ground's eclipse has mirrored the town's economic decline.

In recent years developers have cast covetous eyes on this open space. In 1985 negotiations began between the council and Speyhawk to build a new shopping complex but, after planning permission had been granted, the scheme collapsed when the company ran into financial difficulties.

A similar development has since been proposed by Boots plc, which is the subject of next week's meeting. But the council has also been asked to consider an alternative proposal by Byrne Bros to excavate the original canal and recreate the harbour as a marina, together with new shops on nearby vacant British Rail land.

Several petitions are expected to be presented to the borough council meeting, and among the strongest objectors to a new shopping development is the local chamber of commerce, which believes it would be a disaster for existing shops struggling to survive.

Objectors say any decision to hand over trust land to a developer would need approval from the Charity Commissioners. They believe the council is determined to override protests, and that the government should call a public enquiry.

John Turner, an architect and member of the Hastings Trust, said the council was insisting that most people wanted a shopping centre, whereas the trust's soundings suggested quite the opposite. Dora Dobson, chairman of Hastings Alternative, described the Boots scheme as "ethically, architecturally and economically flawed".

A council spokesman said the scheme was likely to carry a strong recommendation from planning officers that it should be accepted.

STEPHEN MARKESON

Roll of honour: in 1872 Lord Cornwallis gifted the site as "a pleasure ground and place of recreation for the inhabitants of and visitors to Hastings"

Recorded delivery: Compton on the way to 3,816 in 1947

Old hands enliven world of sport

BY SIMON BARNES

AS policemen get younger, athletes get older. In every major sport athletes who, by traditional reckoning, are in their sporting dotage, are playing leading roles in the world's top sporting events.

John Emburey, two weeks shy of his 41st birthday, followed Thurday's heroics with the bat — a dogged and eccentric unbeaten 55 that included his trademark overbalancing "stricken-oak shot" — by dismissing the dangerous David Boon with an absolute snorter yesterday morning, though that was the end of the day's joy for him.

Emburey's call-up made him the second 40-year-old in the team. Graham Gooch, just retired as captain, holds his place for his calendar-defying batsmanship. With two centuries and a pre-match series average of 60.25, he has been, as usual, England's leading batter.

This is not a freak, or even a coincidence. Athletes have a longer shelf life these days, and are sustaining performances at the highest level for longer than before.

Linford Christie won the Olympic 100 metres gold medal, at 32: in the sprints you are a veteran at 25. Now 33, he goes to the world athletics championship next week as favourite. His main rival is generally seen as Carl Lewis, 32.

As the football season begins, Glenn Hoddle moves in as Chelsea's player-manager at 35. With the last knockings of the previous season, he won promotion for his previous club, Swindon, with a sweetly-struck 20-yard goal. Ray Wilkins, also 35, is strutting his stuff for Queen's Park Rangers. Both players are more kicked against than kicking: they specialise in precise and thoughtful football.

In rugby union, increasing age seems a positive advantage. Wade Dooley was picked for the British Lions tour of New Zealand at 35; Jeff Probyn played for England last season at 36 and has no plans to retire.

Martina Navratilova shows no sign of succumbing to the bane of tennis, teenage burnout. At 37, she reached the semi-final of the women's singles at Wimbledon and marches on to the US Open in a couple of week's time. "Age is just a number," she said as she left Wimbledon. "It doesn't mean anything."

The extraordinary Jimmy Connors shows no sign of lying down and keeping quiet. After reaching the semi-finals of the US Open at 39, he is now 41 and threatening to play this year's tournament.

Perhaps the most remarkable athlete of them all is Lester Piggott. He is still charging all over the country riding winners: to do so he will cover thousands of miles in the season and starve himself in the process. At 57, he has had 29 winners from 180 rides.

There are many reasons for the prevalence of the sporting oldie — better fitness regimens and medical care — but it all comes down to the the ever-increasing seriousness with which sport is taken. Sport is no longer something a young person does before starting real life, it is a career.

As the opposing captain said at a village green cricket match a few weeks ago: "The thing about these people is that they were also pretty good when they were young." I wonder what he was getting at.

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Pensioner phone pest must pay £20

A 63-YEAR-OLD pensioner who plagued her neighbour for five years with malicious phone calls while otherwise behaving like a friend to the young mother was ordered to pay £20 costs and given a conditional discharge by magistrates in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, yesterday.

Mavis Leigh, of Parson Cross, Sheffield, pleaded guilty to making persistent nuisance calls to cause needless anxiety over four days.

Her neighbour, Mrs Yvonne Gledhill, 29, had her number changed three times, but still the hate calls continued, sometimes as late as 2am, and eventually spreading to her place of work.

Her estranged husband, Peter, told how the strain of the calls had helped cause the break-up of their marriage. He said: "We suspected everybody else but her. While this must have been going on Mrs Leigh's husband, Bob, was helping me put a roof on our garage and we were swapping plants over the garden fence."

Yesterday Mr Leigh declined to comment.

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Scots bishop quits over ordination of women priests

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE upheaval in the Anglican church over the ordination of women priests has had its first serious impact north of the border with the resignation of a Scottish bishop.

The Right Rev George Sessford, Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness, is to stand down after 23 years in the job. He was the only one of Scotland's seven Episcopalian bishops to vote against the ordination of women priests.

The Scottish Episcopal Church has 57,000 members and is the Scottish equivalent of the Anglican church. Although it is autonomous and elects its own bishops, it shares a common theology with the Church of England.

Bishop Sessford wrote to his clergy this week telling them of his decision. "Since the issue of the ordination of women priests demands my active continuing opposition, I feel I am no longer able to lead as I should," he said in his letter.

"This has been an extremely painful decision but my chief concern is that this diocese which I so dearly love should not be diminished because of its bishop's principles."

Bishop Sessford had originally intended to step down in 1995, on the 25th anniversary of his consecration, but he will now retire on November 7, his 65th birthday. The first women priests in the Scottish Episcopal Church could be ordained within the next 18 months. The Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Most Rev Richard Holloway, is on sabbatical in the US and has not had a chance to respond to Bishop Sessford's resignation. But yesterday the Bishop of St Andrews, the Right Rev Michael Hare Duke, the church's next most senior bishop, said he had received the resignation letter.

Bishop Hare Duke said: "Those of us who have known Bishop George over many years will be sorry to learn of his decision. He has made many contributions to the life of the church. In the same way he has been architect of the agreement, accepted by all the bishops earlier this year, which sought to find a place for both clergy in favour of and clergy opposed to the ordination of women.

"In times when resignation on principle is all too rare, it is much to the bishop's credit that he has acted with the best interest of the church in mind. In doing so he has set aside what might have been his own preferences or convenience and chosen to retire at the first moment that his age allows."

Bishop Sessford, who was born in Liverpool, studied at St Andrews University and Lincoln Theological College and was ordained as a priest in 1954. He was elected Bishop of the diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness in 1970.

A spokeswoman for the Scottish Episcopal Church said its members were saddened by the bishop's decision and clergy and churchgoers throughout the diocese expressed their surprise and disappointment at the bishop's resignation. A new bishop will be elected by the diocese.

Scotland has been relatively unscathed so far by the debate that has split the English church. The Church of Scotland first started ordaining women ministers in 1969. The church now has about 100 women ministers, accounting for about 10 per cent of the total clergy.

Bishop Sessford: "A painful decision"

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Disappointed: Sandy Jack after the court ruling

Pensioner loses Hoover flight case

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A RETIRED headmaster who took Hoover, the electrical company, to court over its offer of free flights, lost his case yesterday after a judge ruled that the firm was not in breach of contract by failing to provide travel voucher within the time stipulated by its own rules.

Sandy Jack, 71, an ex-commando from Methil, Fife, was suing Hoover for £380 damages — the cost of two return tickets to Florida — through the small claims court in Kirkaldy.

Mr Jack's case is believed to be one of the first to come to court after the collapse of Hoover's offer of free air tickets for anyone who purchased a product worth £100 or more. Other cases have been settled out of court and dozens more are pending. About 100,000 people took up the offer but, by the beginning of July, only 20,000 had received guarantees to travel.

Mr Jack purchased a £359 dishwasher from Hoover at the time of the offer. He supplied the company with 21 alternative departure dates for his trip but said Hoover failed to supply the tickets.

Hoover originally said it did not receive the letter but Mr Jack had a registered-mail receipt. Hoover then argued that Mr Jack failed to submit a travel voucher issued to him, as required by the conditions of the offer.

Mr Jack told Sheriff William Christie he did not return the form because it was not issued to him within the 28 days specified by Hoover, therefore breaching the company's own rules.

The sheriff considered his verdict for ten days before deciding that "at no time did the defenders fail to honour their obligations under the contract".

But Hoover did not leave court unscathed. Sheriff Christie criticised the company's slackness in not sending documents to Mr Jack within the time specified in its rules and conditions.

He has also described as a "blunder" Hoover's original defence that it had not received Mr Jack's registration form, adding that the Royal Mail had checked through tens of thousands of receipts.

Mr Jack admitted to being disappointed by the outcome but does not intend to appeal. "I would have been happier if it had been a yes, but the law is the law and I have to stick by the law like everybody else."

He said he did not regret bringing the case and added it had given Hoover "a bloody nose". He urged other Hoover customers in his position to carry on fighting.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Remorseful death-crash driver freed

A woman whose best friend was killed in a car she was driving while nearly two times over the legal alcohol limit was spared a jail sentence at the Old Bailey so she could fulfil her ambition to become a nurse.

Lucy Broome, 19, died of head injuries last October when the car driven by Cheryl Jordan, 19, of Enfield, north London, hit a parked car and overturned.

Judge Williams, after hearing that Jordan did not intend to drive again and was full of remorse for what she had done, banned her for three years, put her on probation for a year and ordered her to do 200 hours of community service and pay £250 costs.

Soldier dies on exercises

A lance corporal in the Royal Corps of Signals collapsed and died during training exercises in Cyprus.

The family of Stephen Lowe, 20, from Warrington, Cheshire, said he had completed a three-mile run and was about to tackle an assault course.

Mother bailed

Lesley Hutchinson, 27, accused of murdering her daughter Emma, 5, by setting fire to their home in Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, was granted bail until September 3 by the town's magistrates on condition she remain at a psychiatric hospital.

Murder charge

Leonard Leslie, 60, of East Dulwich, southeast London, was remanded in custody until August 13 at Camberwell charged with murdering Avril Blair, 35, found hacked to death with a kitchen cleaver.

Street killing

Police in Greater Manchester were hunting two men after a man aged 31 was stabbed to death in the street in Withington following an argument in a pub.

Late show

A firm of undertakers has set up a stall at Portsmouth and Southsea Show with coffins, hearses and information on embalming to enlighten visitors on their skills.

Doctors hail epilepsy breakthrough

BY PETER MOORE

■ Researchers have adapted a common technique in an attempt to end the anguish for sufferers beyond the help of drugs

A TEAM of researchers from University College London have come up with a treatment that will improve immeasurably the lives of severe epilepsy sufferers.

The doctors are using a system called electrical impedence tomography (EIT) to take pictures of the brain and locate the centre of epilepsy in those who do not respond to drug treatments. The technique has previously been used to study the body's digestive system.

The new use of the technique, in which Britain leads the world, was announced at the International Union of Physiological Societies in Glasgow this week by Dr David Holder, leader of the research team, who hailed it a revolutionary breakthrough. Epilepsy results from a spontaneous burst of activity in a small area of the brain. Dr Kevin Boone, one of the researchers, described the process as a type of electrical impulse that spreads through the brain like ripples on a pond. This impulse causes the symptoms of an epileptic fit. About 20 per cent of sufferers do not respond to drugs and often have up to ten fits a day, making it impossible for them to lead normal lives.

Current treatment for those sufferers involves drilling holes through the skull and pushing needle electrodes into the brain. These are used to measure brain activity and predict the approximate centre of the epilepsy. Surgery is then performed to remove it.

It is dangerous because of the risk of brain damage and, at present, the surgery is only 75 per cent effective, possibly because surgeons are not always able to correctly identify and remove the epilepsy centre. The new technique produces images of sections of the body showing how organs are working.

"Most of the imaging techniques currently available look only at the body's anatomy and the images look the same whether the person is dead or alive, which is no good for studying epilepsy," Dr Holder said. "EIT allows us to see the activity going on inside the living brain."

The technique involves placing 16 electrodes just below the skull on the surface of the brain. A computer sends small pulses of electricity between two of the electrodes and measures the change in resistance between each of the other electrodes. The change in resistance can be used to generate an image of the brain showing the exact site of the epilepsy centre.

Following successful laboratory trials, Dr Holder and his colleagues will start using the technique on patients within the next month.

Reviled weed finds new allies

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BOTANISTS have managed to cultivate one of Britain's rarest plants. The success in raising the flowered cow wheat will enable the creation of a seed bank from which it can be reintroduced into the wild.

The last wild home of the plant, nicknamed "poverty weed" by Victorian farmers, who considered it a scourge, is a small field at St Lawrence, near Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

Deb Goodenough, nursery manager at Ventnor Botanic Gardens, said yesterday that its decline had been linked to the overuse of pesticides and changes in agriculture.

In an attempt to save from extinction the pretty flowering plant, formally called *Melampyrum arvense*, the gardens have successfully raised it in pots from seed. "This was the first time anyone had tried to cultivate it as far as we know," Ms Goodenough said. Numerous flowered cow wheats, measuring about 9 in high and sporting pink and yellow flowers, have emerged and are seeding.

While the species was common in the last century its life cycle remains something of a mystery. The plant needs grasses such as wheat to thrive but the reason is unknown. It is possible that it gets some vital nutrition from grasses which it cannot acquire or make itself. Unlike related species, *Melampyrum arvense* has seeds that look almost indistinguishable from wheat seeds. Ms Goodenough said the pot trials would be rerun next year to make sure they had truly discovered the secret of the plant's cultivation.

Papal authority and the ultimate conflict

Credo

Gerard Noel

Thanks to the copious advance coverage, led by *The Times*, of the coming Papal encyclical on morality, comment and anxious speculation have been widespread. But there is a need to put the record straight about the crucial historical and theological point, and about the discussions which led to the *Humanae Vitae* encyclical in 1968.

It is generally assumed, for example, that the Pope, in pronouncing the original ban on artificial contraception, was motivated by traditional and objective, and therefore immutable, theological principles. It is correspondingly supposed that relaxation of the contraception ban was being sought by liberal theologians for purely pragmatic and pastoral reasons. In the final analysis, however, exactly the opposite is the case.

The commission appointed by Pope John XXIII, and enlarged by Paul VI, to advise on the matter, found, after some detailed discussion and a microscopic examination, that the age-old argument that contraception, because it violated the Natural Law, was therefore intrinsically sinful, could no longer be considered as theologically sound. Even the most conservative theologians accepted this.

There being, moreover, no scriptural warrant for the intrinsic evil of contraception, the argument that it was against divine ordinance was equally found to be untenable within strict Roman Catholic moral theological terms of reference. And while it is indeed true that *Humanae Vitae* abounded in various theological arguments in favour of a contraception ban, this does not alter what was said above about Papal motives, in practice, for pronouncing a ban.

The commission thus split in two directions, with a large majority relying on theology and scripture favouring a revision of existing teaching. The minority, fearing damage to Papal prestige, recommended no change. There was an agonising delay of more than two years between the commission's findings and the eventual encyclical. It was thought that the matter was, theologically speaking, in doubt, bringing into play the accepted axiom that a doubtful law does not bind. Confessors acted accordingly although, within the Vatican, pressure was being put on the Pope by conservatives in favour of a safe verdict.

The central position of sex in the whole affair is, of course, crucial. Christianity's view on the morality of sexual acts has differed fundamentally from its attitude to other normal human activities. The quasi-Manichean supposition that all sexual activity is essentially evil has never wholly died. St Augustine of Hippo, in the fourth and fifth centuries, held that every sexual act, even within marriage, was at least venially sinful.

It was only in the twentieth century that an official ruling on the specific matter of contraception seemed called for. And, on this, the commission's majority reasoning was, by analogy, as follows: if it really was true that Natural Law forbade the deliberate prevention of procreation during any given act of sexual intercourse, it would follow that every other human act would also be allowable only if it was being carried out to achieve its primary purpose. Eating and drinking could never again be morally allowable for social or pleasurable purposes, but only for human survival.

The ultimate conflict, in other words, is between those who would agree with the majority on the original Papal commission that sound Catholic moral theology can no longer be relied on to support a ban on artificial contraception, and those who hold that Papal authority *per se* can and must override individual conscience in all cases.

☐ *Gerard Noel is Editorial Director of the* Catholic Herald.

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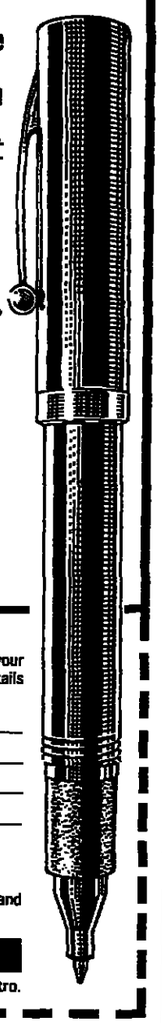

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Blaze of warfare extinguishes memory of Olympic flame

AVDO points to the colour photograph in the book. It shows a skier in mid-air, wearing a blue suit. Below him, on the base of the ski jump, big, orange capital letters spell out "SARAJEVO '84". The large illustrated book is a souvenir from the 1984 Winter Olympics.

Later that year I saw the same Olympic flame that burned in Sarajevo carried through southern California on its way to Los Angeles. Until yesterday, I had forgotten that.

Avdo looks up from the picture with his soft brown eyes, at the same time bringing his hand to point at it, and says: "This is where the Bosnian Army is now." The ski jump is on Mount Igman, where the rebel Serbs are fighting the Bosnian Army for domination of Sarajevo. I don't say it, but actually, the Bosnian Army is no longer at the ski jump. They were routed from the whole area a few days ago. Bad news is plentiful in Sarajevo and I am learning to give it sparingly if it is not necessary.

Talk of his daughter comes freely, but there is no mention of his wife, and she is not at home. I am also learning not to ask people in Sarajevo about their loved ones unless it is necessary for a story. It is unlikely any misfortune had befallen Mrs Avdo, but it is a lesson I have learned through experience.

Avdo is a man in his late fifties who was once an upper middle-class owner of a small shipping company. He dresses his tall, lean frame only in clean, collared shirts and pressed pants. His home is well-adorned with pleasant antiques and sparkling crystal. Guests are offered hot coffee, when neither coffee nor any means of heating are easily had in the city. He is an impeccable host.

Avdo is my driver. For $60 (£40) a day I rent his white Ford Transit. For $20 a day he drives. He is more than 30 years my senior, but he calls me "Mr Brand". In all the pandemonium of war, to him it is only proper.

The two of us wheel through Sarajevo's shell-scarred streets in the Transit. Two months before the war, he bought it for £18,000 pounds. It had 8,909 kilometres on the clock yesterday evening when he dropped me off at the Holiday Inn.

The windshield has two bullet holes, neatly taped over. The body has too many holes to count in less than a detailed investigation. On

EYEWITNESS SARAJEVO

By Joel Brand

the dashboard is *Steppenwolf*, a book by Hermann Hesse, one of my favourite authors. Yesterday, Avdo drove me to the Bosnian presidency building, where the government has its offices. I had to go to the foreign ministry. While I was out of Sarajevo, they borrowed 30 litres of petrol I had left with a friend for safe-keeping. The fuel had cost me $300 two months ago. At present, it would cost $400 to replace.

The Habsburg-era building is decorated with shrapnel and bullet gouges. I had been there when some of them had been added: an unpleasant experience, cowering for my life with government ministers of tourism and dolled-up secretaries. On my way up the unlit stairs, I had to follow four men carrying a large barrel of water. Even in the government's offices there is no water. On occasion the stench from the toilets is overwhelming in some corridors.

"I can't tell you how grateful we are to you for the fuel," the foreign ministry official told me. He explained that the government had run out of petrol for their generator a few weeks earlier. Without electricity from the generator, they had no way to power the satellite telephone they use to co-ordinate Bosnian diplomacy. So they had come begging fuel and my friend had leant it to them. Now I wanted to reclaim it. "Mr. Brand, we have been looking for the last two days and we can't find more fuel," the official said sheepishly.

After a few moments of shrugging, he asked me if I would accept cash to buy the fuel on the black market myself. The Bosnian government, in all its eminence, did not have the resources to find 30 litres of petrol.

□ The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said yesterday that Sarajevo may run out of fuel for water pumps and hospital generators next week unless fuel trucks are allowed through. The UNHCR said six fuel trucks, with enough fuel for three to four weeks, were leaving its warehouse in Metkovic, Croatia, yesterday and hoped to cross into Bosnia during the day.

Another convoy with food and medical supplies was leaving Metkovic to try to reach Sarajevo today. "Sarajevo could be running out of fuel again as early as next week," Ron Redmond, a spokesman, told a Geneva news briefing. "This means once again water wells will be unable to operate because there are no pumps, hospitals will be without generating capacity and bakeries will be unable to operate," Mr Redmond added. *(Reuter)*

Nato agrees with UN on joint control of air strikes

■ A US admiral and a French general have drafted a policy of joint command to ease the siege of Sarajevo. Momentum is growing for action against the Serbs

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

NATO and the United Nations have reached tentative agreement on a "dual key" arrangement for command and control of any air strikes on Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Diplomats said yesterday that the accord was contained in a confidential memorandum of understanding drafted on Thursday by Admiral Mike Boorda, the American in charge of Nato forces in southern Europe, and General Jean Cot, the Frenchman who commands UN forces in the former Yugoslavia.

Under the accord, Nato would take the initiative in identifying targets and suggesting the timing for attacks, and would then seek UN approval. The decision to use force would, however, be presented as a decision of the UN.

The brief memorandum of understanding was under study yesterday at UN and Nato headquarters. Diplomats said it would probably provide the basis for an agreement at Monday's crucial Nato meeting on possible air strikes against the Bosnian Serb forces besieging Sarajevo. "It is difficult to imagine anyone wanting to strike targets that the UN Protection Force does not want struck," a Nato diplomat said.

The tentative agreement promises to resolve the dispute between America, Nato's leading member, and the UN over the command and control arrangements for possible air strikes. But it will not heal the more fundamental rift within Nato between the United States and countries, such as Germany and Turkey, that favour air strikes and reluctant alliance members, such as Britain, Canada, France and Spain, who have peacekeeping troops in Bosnia. As a result, the reluctant Nato members may still try to use the UN veto.

Western diplomats expressed relief that Admiral Boorda's meetings with General Cot went smoothly. The fact that they appeared to get on well together should make it easier for their joint command to run smoothly, they said. Even officials from Nato members sceptical of air strikes believe there is now a growing momentum towards some form of Nato action. "Unless the Serbs start behaving more sensibly, there is more than a chance that something is going to happen," one diplomat said.

The Clinton administration last night warned Bosnia's Muslims that it will not launch air strikes against Serb targets if the Muslims boycott the Geneva peace talks. At the same time the administration is making strenuous efforts to persuade both the Serbs and wavering Nato allies that it is deadly serious about launching air strikes if it has to. "Nato's credibility is at stake," a senior official said.

In Geneva, Lord Owen announced that Muslim, Serb and Croat leaders had agreed to resume negotiations on Monday. The same day Nato ambassadors are meeting in Brussels to resolve disagreements over when and how air strikes should be launched. Officials said Reginald Bartholomew, the American envoy, had been putting pressure on President Izetbegovic to return to the Geneva talks, but the Muslim leader saw his refusal to attend until the Serbs withdrew from key positions around Sarajevo as one of his last bargaining chips.

"If it now looks to the world as though the prospect of Nato air support is causing him to backslide and substantially toughen his position, that would make it much less likely that Nato would act," said a senior official. "We are making that very, very clear to him. It is very important he agrees to go back to the negotiations."

Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, and Manfred Wörner, the Nato secretary-general, met yesterday at an Italian air base as Nato sources indicated that allied air strikes on Serb military targets could start next week.

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Grounded: the helicopter belonging to General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb commander, sitting on Mount Bjelasnica. He has regularly flouted the UN flight ban

De Klerk sends troops into warring townships

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

AS THE death toll continued to rise in the black townships of the eastern Witwatersrand, a mechanised infantry unit and a light armoured regiment were on their way from other areas to impose an iron grip on the warring factions.

The violence continues elsewhere as well. At least five people were killed and nine wounded when gunmen opened fire on commuters on a Johannesburg-bound train yesterday morning.

A witness on the train from Vereeniging, south of the city, said the attackers raced through the train and ordered women passengers to lie down before shooting at the men. "They didn't waste time, they just started to shoot," she said.

In parallel with the deployment of military units in the townships, talks continue on how to bring peace to the townships. Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, and President de Klerk met yesterday and produced one concrete result: an agreement for joint visits by government and ANC teams to the affected areas.

In addition to the military units being deployed, Lieutenant General Koos Calitz, the Witwatersrand regional police commissioner, said more than 2,000 extra policemen were already in place. Armoured police vehicles were also being fitted with light machineguns.

Terre'Blanche: to be prosecuted over raid

Police were petrol-bombed five times during Thursday night in Tembisa, northeast of Johannesburg. They were also shot at in Tokoza, to the southeast. The death toll since last Saturday in the affected townships rose to 142 yesterday, police said.

Among yesterday's other talks, church leaders met to seek possible solutions for the violence. The ANC and its allies in the Confederation of South African Trade Unions and the South African Communist Party will meet at the weekend.

The Goldstone commission investigating violence and related topics showed its teeth yesterday when the Transvaal attorney-general's office confirmed it is to prosecute Eugene Terre'Blanche, the leader of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) after he failed to testify before the commission on his organisation's invasion of the World Trade Centre on June 25.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Georgia cabinet resigns

Tbilisi: Georgia's parliament yesterday asked Eduard Shevardnadze, the head of state, to become acting prime minister after the country's government resigned.

The legislature voted to give Shevardnadze, a former Soviet foreign minister, two weeks to put forward a new cabinet to deal with economic disintegration, which has left 90 per cent of the country living below the poverty line, and military upheavals. Earlier, during a stormy session, Tengiz Sigua, the prime minister, announced his government's resignation. *(Reuter)*

Life sentence

Sydney: Malcolm Baker, 45, an Australian who murdered six people last October, including his former common law wife, was jailed for life by Newcastle supreme court in New South Wales. *(Reuter)*

Pharoun killed

Beirut: Henry Pharoun, 92, a billionaire former Lebanese cabinet minister who played a key role in Lebanon's fight for independence from France, was found stabbed to death in his hotel bed. *(AP)*

Arms chief axed

Moscow: the chairman of Russia's state arms exporting agency, Sergei Karaoglanov, has been dismissed for misusing his position, Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister, said. *(Reuter)*

Crossbow corps

London: The BBC has monitored a report indicating that the Russian interior ministry plans to issue its special forces with crossbows for use in situations where firearms could cause explosions. *(AFP)*

Light brigade

Manila: The electricity board sent Philippine generals on night manoeuvres when it shut off power to military headquarters because they had not paid a bill for £455,000. *(Reuter)*

Israeli soldiers killed as US envoy leaves Middle East

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

EVEN before Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, ended his five-day visit to the Middle East yesterday, the modest rewards of his peace mission were overshadowed by a new explosion of violence in the region.

In Israeli eyes, the most serious incidents occurred in the West Bank, where a soldier was kidnapped and killed on Thursday night near the Palestinian town of Ramallah. Two other Israeli troops and one Palestinian died yesterday when Arab gunmen attacked an army observation post farther north, near the town of Tulkarm.

In southern Lebanon, UN peacekeepers said that militant Shia Muslim guerrillas fired about 30 projectiles, including Katyusha rockets and Sagger anti-tank missiles, at one Israeli radar position and two posts manned by the Israeli-backed "South Lebanon Army". In two days of clashes, three SLA militiamen have been wounded, in the worst outbreak of violence since the American-brokered ceasefire last week.

"These days there is a desire by extreme elements to harm the peace process," said Mordechai Gur, Israeli deputy defence minister. "Therefore, some of the attacks are really linked to the visit by the Secretary of State."

Israel responded to the violence by imposing curfews on areas near the West Bank attacks and arresting Palestinian suspects. In southern Lebanon, Israeli and SLA gunners fired artillery rounds at suspected Hezbollah targets, wounding one civilian and sending hundreds of panic-stricken villagers fleeing towards Tyre.

Mr Christopher said yesterday that his talks in Damascus "were not in any way interfered with" by the latest violence, and he emphasised that he left the region "more encouraged than I thought I would be". However, officials tempered the optimism by pointing out that Mr Christopher left the region without confirming a date for the resumption of Middle East peace talks.

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Kenyan opposition calls on UN to end ethnic bloodshed

FROM SAM KILEY IN MOLO

KENYAN opposition MPs yesterday called on the United Nations to intervene to put a stop to tribal warfare in the west of the country that has left 900 people dead and made 130,000 homeless in the past year.

The 18 MPs also accused government ministers and members of the ruling Kenya African National Union of fomenting the troubles, which have devastated agriculture in the only part of Kenya that has escaped this year's drought. They complained of government indifference towards the clashes between the Kikuyu and Kalenjin tribes in the highlands formerly farmed by white settlers.

Among those singled out for criticism were Nicholas Biwott, a former energy minister, a Kalenjin and ally of President Moi, who told the Kikuyus living in Rift Valley province to "lie low like envelopes". He has been accused of financing the Kalenjin raiders.

William ole Ntimama, a Masai and minister of local government, added heat to the ethnic cauldron when he recently called on the Masai to ignore warnings about Aids and abandon family planning to "outbreed the Kikuyu".

Amid what a Western diplomat yesterday described as the government's "puerile" attitude to ethnic clashes, hundreds of Kikuyu families continued to flee their farms to seek safety in squatter camps and churches in Molo and other towns in the area.

Most worrying for ordinary Kenyans are reports that the Kikuyu have begun "oathing" ceremonies, last used to form a guerrilla army during the 1950s Mau Mau rebellion. "The Kalenjin, and every one else, should be afraid when they hear that the Kikuyu are oathing. They were the only ones to fight the British during the Mau Mau. If they get really angry they will easily kill all their enemies," said Francis Lomodok, a member of the war-like Turkana tribe.

In Molo, the Kikuyu who have refused to flee their land have paid a bitter price. One of them, Joseph Kamau, was last April raided by members of the Kalenjin tribe, and lost a score of goats from his allotment. Last weekend the *moran* (warriors) returned. In a night raid they killed Mr Kamau's father and two brothers, then made off with his remaining six cattle.

Njega Mungai, the local MP, and Kikuyu in the Molo area have accused the security forces of indifference or complicity in the "ethnic cleansing" of the white highlands. Until last year the region was a model of ethnic integration as the farms once owned by colonial settlers were taken over by people from many different tribes.

The dense Ndoinet and Kerisoi forests provide an impenetrable hideout for the Kalenjin warriors, who are accomplished hunters and trappers. Their favoured weapons are poisoned arrows and clubs.

Mr Kamau said the *moran* attacked while his family were preparing for bed last Sunday night. "I went outside to borrow a pen from my brother and saw the raiders with their torches," he said. "They set fire to his house and broke holes through the walls, then fired their arrows through the slits. One of my brothers was hit in the shoulder and managed to run out of the flames. But they followed him and split his head with an axe. My other brother died a day later from his burns."

Bloodied arrows and a club were left behind by the raiders, but not before they had also cut holes in the wall of his father's mud hut and fired nine arrows through his body, pinning him to his mattress. Mr Kamau's mother survived by hiding.

When the police arrived the raiders were looting the hut. "The police just fired two shots in the air and the raiders moved on to the next farm," Mr Kamau said. He himself escaped by sprinting through his pyrethrum field and somersaulting into a ditch as arrows whistled past him. "They said I had been killed and so gave up chasing me," he said.

Chepson Cheboi, one of Mr Kamau's neighbours and a Kalenjin, blamed the surge of ethnic violence on President Moi's decision to abolish the one-party state in November 1991. "The old man knew very well that parties would form along tribal lines and that is what has happened. When you join a party you make a big thing now out of your tribe. People then look at you differently," he said.

But a Kikuyu bystander questioned this reasoning. "Is it any coincidence that those who are doing the killing are all supporters of Moi? He is organising the end of our nation," he said.

SAM KILEY

Lethal force: Joseph Kamau with weapons left behind by Kalenjin tribesmen who killed some of his family

Manhunt in Kashmir valley of fear

PHOTOGRAPHS: NICK PROCAYLO

Violent land: Srinagar women doff veils to condemn shootings by Indian troops and, below, protest at a place where a youth was injured

■ Aided by Mujahidin from Afghanistan and guns from Pakistan, Kashmir's secessionists have taken on a 300,000-man Indian army in a unforgiving holy war

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN SRINAGAR

FOUR hundred yards from an army bunker, one of the most wanted men in India sips cola and takes the sun in a secluded suburban rose garden. Rafiq Ahmed Dar admits, with evident satisfaction, to killing many Indian soldiers and paramilitary troops.

Bodyguards wearing fatigues and carrying Kalashnikovs hiss a warning over the garden wall that an army patrol is close. He prepares to run. In the guerrilla war, now in its fourth year, militants such as Mr Dar are able to dodge 300,000 soldiers and paramilitary forces because almost every Kashmiri Muslim supports secession from India.

In a real sense, the valley has already broken away. Mr Dar, 26, a former medical student, describes himself as commander-in-chief of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), which launched the violent uprising in January 1990 in support of independence for Kashmir. It is the most popular group in the valley; being secular, it is not backed by Pakistan, a country held in contempt by most Kashmiri Muslims.

"There are precedents for victory over huge armies," Mr Dar argues. "The Russians killed hundreds of thousands of people in Afghanistan, but the Afghans won. The Vietnamese defeated the United States. The Iranian revolution also succeeded. We, too, will win."

The military has imposed, in effect, martial law in the Kashmir valley. There is no democracy, the judicial system is moribund, and atrocities by both sides are sickening. "Human rights workers are being attacked and it is difficult for us to move around safely," says Mufti Bahauddin Farooqi, former chief justice of Jammu and Kashmir.

Many militants are involved in extortion rackets; some have taken to rape and robbery. The Muslim clergy openly incites armed rebellion, and most nights anti-Indian propaganda pours from mosque loudspeakers, feeding the violence. Government officials claim that Mujahidin from Afghanistan, Sudan, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia are fighting a holy war in Kashmir.

This week the Border Security Force, a paramilitary group that has charge of Srinagar, shot dead two young men in a Muslim shrine. It also killed a boy of eight and his parents, for no apparent reason, as they ate lunch at home. Srinagar is consequently seething. Several people died when soldiers opened fire on demonstrators defying curfews, and yesterday most of the city was under curfew.

The Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front is plainly well armed. So is its rival in revolution, the pro-Pakistani Hizbul Mujahidin, which sees the conflict as a jihad (holy war). The militants have grown in confidence and capability, and in response India has intensified its repression. After dark, nothing moves in Srinagar, except militants and soldiers trying to kill one another. Villages live in fear lest the army or, even worse, the feared paramilitary forces call, because sometimes they leave behind carnage, take prisoners or rape.

General (retired) Mohammed Ahmed Zaki is the most senior security officer in Kashmir, despite his modest title of adviser to the governor. His job is to co-ordinate the fight against the militants. "The enemy (Pakistan) inspires and finances the violence," he says, sitting in a room in central Srinagar festooned with maps.

"Weapons from Afghanistan are distributed freely to our misguided youth," he goes on. "This is a jihad. Youth were lured with money and religion to go across to Pakistan, be armed and wage holy war."

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Fate of Clinton presidency hangs on vote of Nebraska's maverick

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

THE future of Bill Clinton's presidency last night rested on a single undecided senator as the Senate prepared to vote on his $496 billion (£333 billion) deficit reduction package.

The tax-heavy legislation had squeezed through the House of Representatives by two votes the previous evening, but its ultimate fate resided with Bob Kerrey, the maverick Nebraskan who Mr Clinton last year defeated for the Democratic presidential nomination. Mr Kerrey supported the package in a vote in June but has begun wavering in the past few days.

His support would tie the Senate vote, giving Al Gore, the vice-president, the casting ballot. His opposition would kill the centrepiece of Mr Clinton's political agenda and cripple his presidency. As the Senate debate began Mr Kerrey was still offering no indication of his intentions.

The drama the previous night had been in the House where, as the voting period elapsed, the tally stood at 216 for and 214 against with four Democrats still undecided. Two of those four, Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky of Pennsylvania and Patrick Williams of Montana, were quickly surrounded by a mob of Democrats. Looking stricken, they at last walked up to the rostrum and voted, giving Mr Clinton victory.

Ms Margolies-Mezvinsky last year won her conservative district with a majority of less than 1 per cent on a promise to oppose new taxes. Her vote will have significantly reduced her chances of re-election next year.

Earlier on Thursday the administration and Democratic congressional leaders had pulled out every stop to win over a rank-and-file that was profoundly reluctant to vote for $240 billion in new taxes over the next five years. As the vote neared, the White House was forced to promise recalcitrant conservatives a bill this autumn that will contain additional spending cuts.

Mr Clinton personally telephoned between 30 and 40 waverers and Hillary Clinton was roped in to cajole them. But congressmen were also being deluged with calls from the public who were overwhelmingly hostile to the bill. In a single hour 450,000 calls were made to Capitol Hill, ten times more than normal.

Some Democrats leaning against the bill were so fearful of their colleagues' pressure that they vanished. Democratic whips had to resort to staging meaningless votes to flush them out. Others successfully demanded concessions unrelated to the bill for their home districts.

In the end 41 Democrats voted against the bill and not one Republican supported it. "The margin was close but the mandate is clear," the president declared. But in truth he had won only because defeat would have had such devastating consequences for him and the political credibility of the Democratic party.

Castro upstages Bolivian ceremony

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN BUENOS AIRES

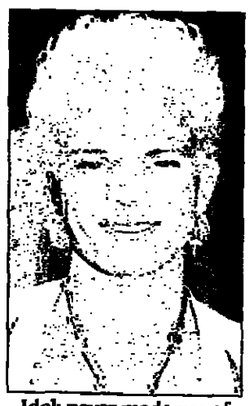
BOLIVIA'S presidential inauguration turned into an uncomfortable "blind date" yesterday when President Castro of Cuba made a surprise appearance and stood side by side with US government representatives and other Latin American leaders invited to watch a new government installed in the capital, La Paz.

Vexed stares at Dr Castro's presence were accompanied by disapproving comments from Bruce Babbit, the US interior secretary, among government representatives invited to see Jaime Paz Zamora hand over his presidential office to Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada.

"We think it is incongruous that Castro, a man who has governed a nation with an iron fist for more than three decades, comes to participate in Bolivia's democratic festivities — a country to which he has in the past sent guerrillas and terrorists to kill Bolivians," said Mr Babbit, who led the American delegation.

The "guerrilla" reference was reinforced when outgoing President Paz Zamora cancelled a ceremony to award Dr Castro with a medal, because of objections from the Bolivian military. General Hugo Banzer, who headed a military government and was a presidential candidate, said: "That decoration would make no sense. Not only has he done nothing for Bolivia, but he sent Che Guevara to divide Bolivians," referring to one of Cuba's revolutionary leaders.

Madam's skinflick epic turns Hollywood camera-shy



Idol: never made use of Ms Fleiss's services

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE tale of Heidi Fleiss, the alleged "madam" of a lucrative Hollywood prostitution ring, began as a low-budget, short-run production: then it became a mini-series; now it is a fully-fledged epic, with hundreds of extras and sequels.

On Thursday, the 27-year-old doctor's daughter was formally charged with five counts of "procuring for prostitution" and trafficking in cocaine. If convicted, she faces up to 11 years in prison.

The day before, Ms Fleiss's ex-lover and now mortal enemy, Ivan Nagy, a television director who produced the series *Starsky and Hutch*, was arrested on separate charges of inducing women to become prostitutes and running a rival vice ring.

"This is an effort to break the back of organised prostitution on the west side," said Glen Ackerman, a Los Angeles Police Department vice officer. "This is a very strong signal being sent that this is not a good town for organised prostitution."

But according to the evidenceHollywood was — at least from Ms Fleiss's point of view — an extremely good town for organised prostitution. Her profits are said to amount to $5 million (£3 million). Ms Fleiss, who has been freed on $100,000 bail and will be arraigned in court on Monday, is reported to have kept detailed records of her clients, believed to include many celebrities and film executives.

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, Columbia Pictures is investigating whether executives used studio finances to pay for drugs and prostitutes. Last week Ms Fleiss told a reporter from *Variety* magazine that she was prepared to release her "black book" of clients' names for the sum of $1 million. She has since retracted that statement.

Mr Nagy, 55, claims he has photocopied Ms Fleiss's "black book" (a Gucci calandar, as it happens), which he says was confiscated by police after he was arrested. "That's ridiculous, that's libel," Ms Fleiss told the *New York Post*. "He can't possibly have a copy, that's impossible". Mr Nagy, whose current partner, 23-year-old Julie Conaster, was also arrested on charges of pandering, was released on $25,000 bail.

Ms Fleiss's mansion is under siege by an army of journalists, some of whom have taken to helicopters to keep a better watch on her movements. But while the news media flock to her side, Ms Fleiss's former friends and acquaintances are trying to get as far away as possible. A statement by pop musician Billy Idol is representative of the sort of comments whirling out of Tinseltown's fax machines. "I have never used her professional services, and God knows I don't need to," he told the *New York Post*.

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German gnomes ruffle EC's paradise garden

Capability Brown: the master of green shoots

Time will tell if the EMU will ever fly, but for now Europe has been freed to let the slow ways of nature heal its wounds, argues ***Thomas Kielinger***

THIS, all things considered, has been a healthy week for the European Community. With the collapse of the exchange-rate mechanism of yore, the rigid timetable for European monetary union was exposed as so much wishful thinking. EMU, for the time being at least, will remain as flightless as the bird whose name it usurped: only time will tell if it will grow flight feathers and take off.

Future historians will find it hard to divine why reasonable countries ever conceived the unreasonable notion of beggaring their own people for the sake of monetarist purity. Just by way of example, Spain's unemployment alone is above 20 per cent ... Oh, what a lovely ERM world!

Fixed exchange rates as a determinant of hard currencies, along with a policy of "come what may, tight money", had become something of a virility test. Well, good riddance. Criteria of harmonisation as a guideline for the future we do need. We do not need imposed convergence when making intelligent use of existing divergences is the only sensible approach.

Now that the narrow band of currency fluctuations has been abolished, France and Germany, especially, have reason to be grateful for being relieved of some unwelcome burdens. The French can decouple from the Frankfurt interest diktat and start reflating their economy, while the Bundesbank can recover from haemorrhage-like interventions and begin to think of edging interest rates further downwards, German fiscal policy permitting.

For all the easing of tension in the money markets, however, the ERM crisis of this week is bound to have a profound effect on political thinking in Europe. To be sure, Franco-German intimacy has suffered a significant setback. Obviously, both German and French politicians had vastly oversold Maastricht, overlooking that it may have caused more problems than it helped solve.

Too much geometry was implanted in the minds of Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and President Mitterrand of France. It looked as if Le Nôtre had been called from the grave to apply his grandiose design for the gardens of Versailles to the future of Europe. What we saw this week, however, was the triumph of *Lancelot "Capability" Brown over Le Nôtre*, the triumph of English landscape gardening over French geometrical rigidity. In Capability Brown's philosophy, there is ample room for Nature to assert its own charm. Thus, Europe, too, requires a gentle and flexible hand to advance according to its inherent rhythm and pace.

This does not mean an abdication of foresight or responsible planning. Rather, it means using existing institutions wisely by trying to avoid "circuit overload". But that is precisely what happened after German unification. There was an almost alarmist rush towards European integration. Make sure of Germany being closely tethered by an ever-larger network of commitments or risk launching it and Europe on a dangerously uncharted course.

The problem with Germany today is not its lust for power or its desire for go-it-alone adventurism, but its lack of a coherent vision for itself. In fact, the Bundesbank is one of the last anchors of strength and continuity. If the Frankfurt gnomes put the interest rate brake on a government too carefree for too long about its debt-ridden fiscal policies, they did so out of concern for Germany's monetary stability, not out of a demonic design on other countries' economies.

In turn, if France felt it needed, like a chaperone, to shadow Germany, that was entirely of its own choosing. If, as part of this anxiety, Paris determined that the franc should be linked to the deutschmark at all costs, that, too, was of its own volition.

And yet, instead of staying tied to the mark, the French should have jettisoned their paranoia about Germany and become more alarmed about their real economic predicament, which was entirely home-grown, caused by nothing but confused priorities.

Admittedly, Herr Kohl did his level best to coax M Mitterrand into thinking the Paris-Bonn *pas de deux* was the choreography of the future. Ironically, in the light of this week's events, it turned out to have been more of a *faux pas de deux*.

Well, at least EMU, "the vision thing", had provided an honourable excuse for not analysing sufficiently sharply some of the underlying flaws of the treaty of Maastricht or the more glaring flaws of the ERM as it stood until last weekend. And wasn't "containing" Germany — at Germany's own invitation — another good excuse for cutting your nose to spite your face?

Enough of such shenanigans, enough of scapegoatism. Maastricht isn't dead yet, provided we rest its case for the time being and get on with the job in hand: finding jobs for 20 million unemployed Western Europeans alone.

The author is editor-in-chief of the German weekly Rheinischer Merkur

EC ministers strive to renew faith in monetary union

By George Brock in Brussels and Our Foreign Staff

■ The inquest on the effective collapse of the ERM was restricted to damage assessment. But the commissioners believe much of the cause of the crisis was political

MEMBERS of the European Commission broke off their holidays yesterday to hold an emergency meeting here to start picking up the pieces of the EC's exchange-rate mechanism and damaged plans for monetary union.

Commissioners were summoned to the meeting by Jacques Delors, their president and architect of the Maastricht treaty's three-stage timetable for a European single currency. They left the meeting last night saying little and clearly had come to few firm decisions.

Sir Leon Brittan, the senior British commissioner, said afterwards that if the EC states did not co-operate to stabilise exchange rates the operation of the EC's single market would be under threat. Monetary co-operation, he said, should, must and will continue.

Sources close to the meeting said that the commissioners were well aware of the gravity of what had happened to the ERM. After a 12-hour meeting of EC finance ministers last Sunday night, the 14-year-old ERM was effectively suspended when 2.25 per cent fluctuation bands were widened to 15 per cent, allowing an effective floating of the nine currencies which remained in the system.

João de Deus Pinheiro, the Portuguese commissioner, asked if the Maastricht timetable for a single currency was in jeopardy, replied: "Surely it is more difficult." He said that EC states had no alternative but to co-operate on monetary matters and that the commission would eventually develop ideas for "a framework to help gain stability".

Those EC countries that have been among the most successful in shadowing the German mark seem to be making efforts to create an informal ERM around the German currency. The Dutch government announced last weekend that it would keep the guilder as close to the mark as it has been in recent years. The Belgian and Luxembourg governments have indicated that they, too, will use interest rates to keep their exchange rates in line with the mark.

The French government, under the greatest pressure from the financial markets in the weeks leading up to last weekend's crisis, has so far made no move to lower interest rates. Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, said that France's monetary policy will be unchanged.

A senior commission official said at the start of yesterday's talks that the meeting would try to determine exactly why the crisis happened and look at what now needed to be done. One EC official admitted that the focus of much of the meeting would be political. "There is no doubt that much of the cause of the crisis was political, but the commissioners' problem is that they have no powers in that sphere and it is debatable just how productive a discussion in this area would be," he said.

What was intended as a brief meeting focused on the work still to be done before the end of the year and the scheduled start of the penultimate phase of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) on January 1, 1994.

"There will be strong reminders that there is still a lot of work to do on the preparation for stage two [of EMU], the single market work programme and the Delors white paper," the official said.

The EC summit in Copenhagen at the end of June instructed M Delors to draw up a white paper analysing the causes of, and proposing solutions to, the EC's deep recession and mounting unemployment. The report, *Entering the 21st Century*, is due to be handed to the next EC summit to be held in Brussels on December 10 and 11.

Early release: convicted kidnapper Abbas Hamadi, right, one of two Shia extremist brothers held in Germany, enters an aircraft bound for Beirut at Frankfurt airport accompanied by a police officer. He was released yesterday after serving half of a 13-year jail sentence (Patrick Moser writes). German officials denied his release was part of a deal made when the last Western hostages in Lebanon were freed one year ago. Mr Hamadi was arrested in 1987 and later sentenced for seeking to smuggle explosives into Germany, and for taking two German businessmen hostage in Lebanon in a bid to obtain the release of his brother, Mohammed Ali, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for the June 1985 hijacking of a TWA aircraft to Beirut and the killing of a passenger. Justice and government officials said it was not unusual to release — and deport — a foreign prisoner ahead of time.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hosokawa wins after stalled election

Tokyo: Morihiro Hosokawa was elected prime minister of Japan's new conservative coalition government late last night after hours of tactical obstructions from the Liberal Democratic Party and a series of spoiled votes. He leads the first non-Liberal Democratic administration in 38 years (Joanna Pitman writes).

Having been forced to argue semantics over voting procedures for two days, Mr Hosokawa's composure was looking severely strained as two consecutive prime ministerial votes were declared invalid. Several MPs first claimed they had not been called to vote and then that they had voted more than once. A recess was called and several MPs had to be retrieved after setting off for home.

Takako Doi, former chairwoman of the Social Democratic Party, was elected as Speaker.

Blast enquiry

Shenzhen: China set up a special squad to investigate the cause of the huge explosion in a warehouse district of the city, the flagship of the country's economic programme. Eight people were confirmed dead, but at least 70 were feared killed. *(AFP)*

Tyson loses

New York: Mike Tyson, the former boxing champion found guilty of raping a Miss Black America contestant in July 1991, lost an appeal against his conviction and must continue serving a six-year prison sentence, an appeals court in Indiana ruled.

Troops pull out

Warsaw: After a four-day delay, the last of the 60,000 Soviet troops based in Poland for the past 48 years have left. But a dispute over the location of a Russian military mission to oversee the transport of troops from former East Germany is unresolved.

Jewish return

Berlin: The first Jewish school established in Germany since the end of the Nazi era in 1945 opened yesterday, initially with 17 pupils, in the former *Judische Knabenschule*, once one of the biggest Jewish schools in Berlin. *AFP)*

Dots dashed

Boston: The Coast Guard Morse code distress system has been dropped here after nearly 70 years, made obsolete by satellite and digital technology such as marine telephones and electronic beacons that can pinpoint a ship in trouble. *(AP)*

Pope begins three-cornered American tour

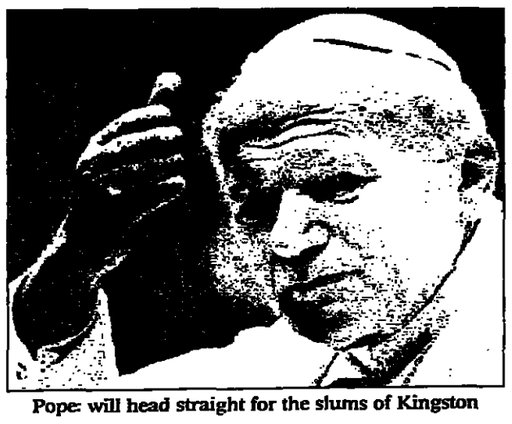
From David Adams in Miami

THE globe-trotting Pope begins a three-stop trip to the Caribbean, Mexico and the United States next week where he will address issues of poverty in Jamaica, mend fences with the once anti-clerical political establishment in Mexico, and shake President Clinton's hand in Denver, Colorado.

The Pope arrives in Jamaica on Monday and in a bold move plans to bypass the formalities of protocol by heading straight for the slum parish of the nuns of Mother Teresa in downtown Kingston. But, despite posters around the city announcing the Pope's visit, Jamaica has not experienced the fever-pitch excitement generated elsewhere.

Jamaica's Rastafarians, who worship Ras Tafari, the baptismal name of Haile Selassie, the emperor of Ethiopia from 1930 until his overthrow in 1974, have lost support since the death in 1981 of Rasta musician and national hero Bob Marley. In Rasta demonology the Pope ranks alongside the police as the representatives of "Babylon", a hell on earth dominated by whites.

The courageous work of Catholic priests and nuns in Kingston's black ghettos has also undermined anti-Catholic sentiments in the city. But the Pope has come under fire from "liberation theology" Catholics in Jamaica who take him to task for not endorsing their radical beliefs. The Vatican's public rift with Jean Bertrand Aristide, the ousted Haitian president and a left-wing Catholic priest, and its deafening silence during the military coup which overthrew him in September 1991, outraged many Caribbean Catholics.



Pope: will head straight for the slums of Kingston

From Jamaica the Pope is travelling on Wednesday to Mérida, Mexico for a 24-hour visit to cement a new church-state relationship following the renewal of full diplomatic ties between Mexico and the Vatican last September, 127 years after they were cut.

For the first time the Pope will be officially received as a head of state by President Salinas. The president has recently stripped away the country's anti-clerical laws enshrined in the 1917 constitution which was written at the height of the Mexican revolution. Last year the church was allowed to resume official ownership of church buildings which had been placed under state control in 1917. A ban on church participation in school education was lifted, as were clergy voting rights and a prohibition on the clergy making public criticisms of the government.

The Pope will end his tour with a Mass in Denver, Colorado, to mark World Youth Day where hundreds of thousands of young people from all over the world are expected to congregate.

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World pays its tribute to Belgium's king

By George Brock

An impressive list of the world's monarchs, presidents and princes arrive here today to pay their last respects to Belgium's much-mourned King Baudouin, Europe's longest reigning sovereign when he died last week.

The Queen, who only rarely attends funerals abroad, will join President Mitterrand of France, President Havel of the Czech Republic, President Robinson of Ireland and almost every other European head of state in the 13th-century St Michael's cathedral this morning for a funeral Mass which looks set to be an emotional farewell to a national symbol already badly missed. Only America hurt Belgian feelings by wanting to send a former vice-president, Walter Mondale, but raised its offer last night by dispatching Gerald Ford, the former president.

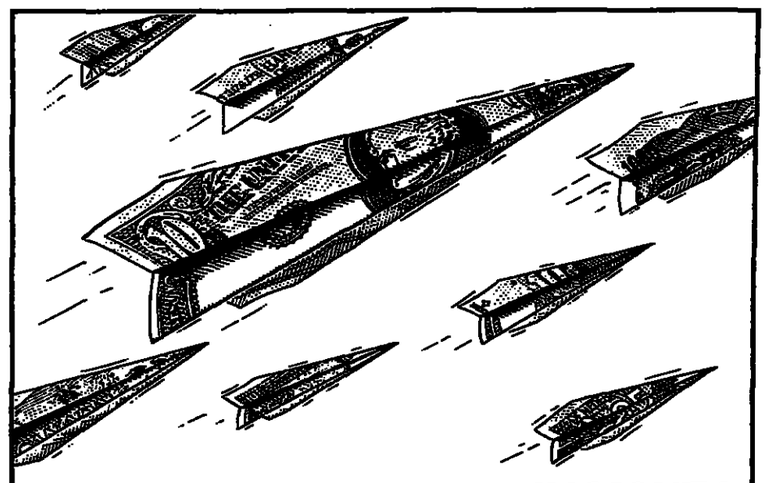
A security clampdown is expected as Japan's Emperor Akihito and Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, join Queen Fabiola in saying a final farewell to her husband in the same church where they were married in December 1960. Five thousand troops will line the funeral route.

President Mobutu, the corrupt and brutal tyrant of Zaire, Belgium's former colony, has not been invited. He is only marginally less popular here than the members of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra which at one stage this week threatened not to release Belgium's opera superstar, Jose Van Dam, from his engagements at the Salzburg festival so that he could sing at the funeral.

For the past two days crowds of about 100,000 people have queued for hours in rain or sun to file past the coffin in the royal palace. The park which separates the palace from parliament has become a cheerful outdoor wake, with satellite dishes and ice-cream vans dotted between the trees and a vast, quiet crowd attesting to the king's hold on his people's affections. Behind the crash barriers, a small impromptu choir of Zaireans sang a lament, waving white handkerchiefs and holding aloft Baudouin's photographs.

Belgium has been numb with shock. "I hope that the next king will hold the country together, that the royal family will always be strong," said one elderly lady who stood for a long time staring at the square's buildings with black, red and yellow flags at half-mast. Baudouin's 43 years on the throne have restored the reputation of a royal family tarnished by his father's unpopular refusal to go into exile during the German occupation. He and his wife devoted their lives to the quiet consolidation of the monarchy as a bridge between Belgium's querulous Dutch and French communities.

Queen Fabiola, as popular as her husband, briskly decreed that the national mourning should be neither gloomy nor overlong. It will end when Baudouin's brother, Prince Albert of Liége, will take the oath of succession as Albert II on Monday. Albert, a more easy-going figure than his austere elder brother, had been expected to refuse the throne in favour of his son, Philippe, but was quickly persuaded by the government that the prince, at the age of 33, was not ready for the job.



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Even undesirable or unsavoury characters have rights within the law, as two judgments this week have confirmed

Alexander Chancellor in New York

Two American judicial decisions this week have been notable for the spirited manner in which they have leapt to the defence of villains against the oppression of the well-intentioned. The first was made on Tuesday by a Federal Appeal Court in Cincinatti, Ohio, which ruled that John Demjanjuk — the man recently acquitted in Israel of being the Treblinka guard known as Ivan the Terrible — should be allowed to return to the US, which had been his home for more than 30 years.

Having stripped him of his American citizenship and extradited him to Israel in the belief that he was indeed the hated Ivan, the justice department refused to take him back when the Israeli Supreme Court concluded that he wasn't. It argued that although Demjanjuk may not have been as wicked as Ivan, he had served as an SS guard at other concentration camps in Poland. Furthermore, he had lied about his war activities when he applied to enter the US more than 40 years ago, which meant he should be permanently banished. But the three Appeal Court judges would accept none of this. They expressed keen irritation with the justice department, describing its prosecution of Demjanjuk as "careless at the very least" and denounced its presumption in claiming that it alone could determine the fate of this 73-year-old, without reference to the courts.

Rejecting all the arguments of the justice department lawyers, the judges said that Demjanjuk should be allowed to return to his family in America, partly with a view to establishing the truth about him, but also because "basic humanitarian considerations embodied in our Constitution and in the Universal Declaration on Human Rights require that steps be taken to ensure that Demjanjuk is not injured or rendered permanently homeless".

I sympathise with the view that the judges may have created a situation in which Nazi camp guards can be portrayed as victims rather than aggressors. But the harm in that possibility seems to me outweighed by the value of the court's insistence that the government must not be permitted to trifle with the rights of anybody, even of a suspected war criminal. And the justice department, whose most celebrated recent achievement was to provoke the deadly conflagration at Waco, Texas, deserves to be taught a little humility.

The second decision, which was announced in New York on Wednesday, concerns the fate of a black university professor, Dr Leonard Jeffries, whom, I hasten to emphasise, I do not wish to compare in any way to a Nazi camp guard, but who is also, in his own unique manner, a thoroughly undesirable person. For about 20 years, until his dismissal in 1991, Dr Jeffries was chairman of the black studies department of City College in Harlem, a part of the City University of New York. He got the job not for his academic achievements, which had been meagre, but because he was a strident and charismatic advocate of black power and black cultural separatism.

His philosophy, which he has taught to generations of City College students, centres on the belief that people of African descent ("sun people") are generally superior to Europeans ("ice people"). They have a "humanistic, spiritualistic value system," he says, while Europeans are "egotistic, individualistic and exploitative".

Despite frequent complaints that Dr Jeffries was a bully and a racist and invariably either late or absent from his classes, the college renewed his contract every three years, perhaps believing his warnings that any move against him would lead to racial disturbances. Then, two years ago, Dr Jeffries made a speech which caused such a public furore that the college finally decided to fire him, though they did so on grounds of poor administration.

In that speech, Dr Jeffries accused "rich Jews" of conspiring with the Mafia in Hollywood to disparage blacks in films, and articulated his theory that the skin pigment melanin, which is more prevalent in black people than in white, is a force for greater intelligence and creativity.

Because under the First Amendment a person cannot be penalised for expressing any view, however crazy, Dr Jeffries successfully sued the college for wrongful dismissal, and was awarded $400,000 in damages. This week, a New York judge has ordered his reinstatement as chairman of the black studies his department, in a ruling which excoriates his behaviour as "thuggish" and "repugnant" but also condemns the college authorities for concocting a phony and dishonest case against him.

The judge, Kenneth Conboy, left no doubt that he considered Dr Jeffries unfit for the job, and noted that many of his statements are "egregiously offensive and destructive". He even implied that the college should look for other, legal ways of ousting him, but meanwhile he affirmed that American society "cannot enjoy the freedoms of the First Amendment without paying the costs and enduring the burdens of such liberty".

Gibraltar has been fought over for centuries, but the people's wishes are clear, says **Bernard Levin**

Democracy founded on a Rock

Today's offering is somewhat out of my usual bailiwick, but none the worse for that, surely? I am going to write about Gibraltar, though I have never set eyes, let alone foot, on its presumably rocky surface, and if I am in an unattentive mood I am quite capable of confusing it with Malta, which I have visited (I think).

It is said that Gibraltar was one of the legendary Pillars of Hercules, and even looking at photographs of it suggests that the idea was by no means fanciful — it is three miles long and three-quarters of a mile across, and many legends have been woven about it. Indeed, the very apes are a sign for Gibraltarians: it is said that if the apes die out or leave, the British Empire will fall. (It fell a considerable time ago, but for heaven's sake *don't tell the apes*.)

The name "Gibraltar" is said to be a corruption of Jebel Tarik (a heroic Moorish general in the 8th century), but don't you believe a word of it; the idea is as daft as the claim that the name of all those pubs calling themselves the Goat and Compasses must be a corruption, on the ground that such a name is too weird to be real; whereupon the superior folk insist that Goat and Compasses was really "God encompasseth us", a notion considerably sillier than the original.

> There is one disease which has no cure, and its name is Vanity

Gibraltar went from hand to hand over the years, but it was firmly Spanish for only two centuries; the rest of the time it was Moorish. (And its clear Spanish allegiance, in the 15th century, was for a shorter time, it may be noted, than it has now been British.) Under Spain it was powerfully fortified, but none the less it was taken by the British in 1704, and was formally ceded to Britain under the Treaty of Utrecht.

Unfortunately, all modern Spanish governments feel that they must regularly show their virility to their citizens (will the gentleman at the back kindly stop sniggering?); the Treaty of Utrecht stands, but Spain has never given up her claim to the Rock, and from time to time the Spanish authorities flex their biceps and start making a nuisance of themselves, with various kinds of tiresomeness to make Gibraltarians cross. Some years ago, the British government held a referendum in Gibraltar (you know, the thing that we can't have, in case we vote the wrong way) on the question "Do you want to remain British?", and the yes vote got more than 99 per cent. (It occurs to me that that must almost certainly be the only 99 per cent vote anywhere at any time that was genuine and neither faked nor taken under duress. A pleasing thought.)

I now have an uneasy feeling that my readers, having got so far, are wondering when this potted history of Gibraltar (a.k.a. Jebel Tarik) is going to end, and the ruder ones are asking why it started in the first place. All shall now be revealed.

The trouble is that Spain has never given up her empty claim to the Rock; with nothing more substantial than the flimsy argument that because it is not an island but a part of the Spanish-Portuguese promontory, she claims that she is the real possessor, and the Treaty of Utrecht be blowed.

Spain has an ally in the British Foreign Office which, in seeking more comfortable British-Spanish relations, would dearly like to cede Gibraltar to the Spaniards, arguing that an end to the sparring would be a valuable return. Well, our Foreign Office would cheerfully give Pol Pot Stonehenge and York Minster, or even Oxford Street, without *anything* in return, if Pol Pot would only come and ask for it.

But here is where the *zapata* pinches. The Treaty of Utrecht did, unambiguously, give the Rock "in perpetuity" to Britain, but added (no doubt our Foreign Office was delighted to find an opportunity to bugger up the whole thing) that if Britain resigned her sovereignty over that troublesome limestone, Spain would automatically inherit, or at least would have first refusal. Our government has said that Britain will refuse any change of sovereignty of the Gibraltarians against "their freely and democratically expressed wishes", a statement that I would believe as far as I can throw, one-handed, a moderate-sized elephant — howdah, punkah-wallah and all.

The Spanish continue their shoddy vendetta, and the Gibraltarians get no help from Britain to counter it. For instance, Gibraltar joined the EC in 1971, when Britain did, but she still is denied a seat in the European Parliament; worse, Gibraltarians may not vote in European parliamentary elections, much less in British ones. (One at least of those indignities could be ended with a stroke of our government's pen; one of the MEP seats could be given to Gibraltar.) But the most scandalous of all these handicaps that the British government puts in the way of Gibraltar is that whenever Britain and Spain agree to talk about their differences on this matter, the Gibraltar government is not permitted to take part in the discussions, though these are entirely confined to Gibraltar's fate.

The deadlock looks insurmountable, but happily it isn't. There are two ways round it, and either could lead to the liberation for the Gibraltarians from the treaty's buried catch. Why not make Gibraltar the 13th state of the EC, assuming a federal Europe one day comes about? The snag, of course, is that there will be no federal Europe, one day or any other day.

But Gibraltar *could* become a dominion in the Commonwealth without tripping off the alarm-bell bit of the treaty that would give Spain first refusal, because being a dominion, Gibraltar would still be a part of the Commonwealth.

The people who live on the Rock are by no means comfortable or wealthy. They could, no doubt, better their lives elsewhere. But their determination not to be Spanish over-rides everything.

Some 25,000 British Gibraltarians live on a hunk of stone, and do no harm, and their only wish, measured by the count of their numbers at 99 and a bit per cent, is to remain British Gibraltarians; but they are harassed and abused and denounced, almost invariably when some Spanish politician is in trouble.

Why don't the Spaniards double up with laughter when some *payaso* set over them says that he is "determined to restore the integrity of the Spanish realm" by incorporating Gibraltar in Spain? For the Spanish would have no profit if they succeeded in their determination to incorporate 25,000 unwilling subjects into a population of something like 40 million.

Yet there is one disease without a cure: it is the disease that makes ordinary human beings swell up like turkey-cocks and strut about talking of the integrities of realms and other such nonsense. And its name is Vanity. May the apes stay on the Rock for ever, or at least until the Spanish claimants become as wise as they.

Sprawl of immobile homes

Suburbanisation by stealth is threatening one of our greatest amenities

Camping out for good? Once permission has been granted for a temporary caravan park, people start making themselves at home

Climb west out of Lulworth Cove in Dorset and gaze along one of England's most exhilarating coastlines. To the east the hills of Purbeck lie beyond Kimmeridge, with its wild black rocks. Here the army has frozen the landscape as a gunnery range, scarred but intact. But look west towards the cliffs of Durdle Door. From here for 50 miles to the mouth of the Exe, only the National Trust appears to stand between a once-lovely coast and an unplanned sprawl of suburbia. That suburbia is not the orderly expansion of Weymouth or Sidmouth or Lyme. There is nothing orderly about it at all. It is composed of caravan sites.

These sites are a blight without parallel since planning was introduced to stop the spread of ribbon suburbs in the 1930s. Along the Dorset and Devon coast, you will see caravans on the cliffs at Durdle Door, in every dip along the coast from Osmington and Bridport. Chideock and Charmouth are infested with them. At Exmouth, a scruffy township of thousands of caravans defaces the south side of the estuary. Planning has all but collapsed and not a bit of notice is taken of it.

One of the great spurs to rural protection in Britain was the building of the village of Peacehaven in Sussex. Here on a bluff of chalk beyond Beachy Head, where the South Downs met the sea, a 1920s developer built an estate of bungalows for retiring servicemen. Roads were laid out and lit and buses ran. The place would have been fine in Croydon, but was rightly regarded as an outrage on this clifftop. It was like building a housing estate on Dartmoor. Something should be done to stop it, and it was: one of the best systems of town and country planning in Europe.

That system, as far as the countryside is concerned, is breaking down. Caravans and trailers, often set on concrete bases with water, electricity and sewerage, do not require normal planning permission unless they qualify as permanent structures. They merely need a site licence, and if run by a national caravan club they do not even require that. Caravans now spring up wherever a farmer can persuade a district planning officer to give him a licence. From Devon to Shropshire, from Anglesey to Essex, such licences seem to be two a penny. *De facto* new villages and towns are springing up across the country.

Whatever the rules say, these sites are irrevocable development. Most are by their definition "holiday homes" set in areas of scenic beauty. A licence is obtained for a temporary summer site. This becomes a year-round park, a field of mobile homes. Such are the laxity of controls that prefabricated bungalows and chalets qualify as caravans provided they have been "wheeled" onto the site and are notionally capable of being removed. People build verandahs and plant gardens round them. They soon demand permanent services, shops, cafes, bus stops, and the developer can make a case for them. I know of no fixed caravan park that has reverted to greensward.

The caravan park is a "second home" for those who cannot afford built cottages. They are mostly occupied by poorer holidaymakers, which is the moral lever used by farmers, who are desperate for cash, to pervert rural planning control. Caravans make up 40 per cent of the self-catering holiday lets in Britain. Some 13 million people make use of them. They appear to be the salvation of seaside communities that have lost out to continental holidays. As holidaymakers desert the boarding houses, they seek out the supposed privacy of the surrounding countryside. There they destroy the very beauty they claim to appreciate.

These are the new squatter settlements of Britain. They need obey none of the quality controls imposed on permanent buildings. The caravans on Durdle Door are white and cream and blue and any colour that takes somebody's fancy. Unlike a new village estate, there is no restriction on materials, setting or density, no conformity to Dorset style. Yet caravans are sited precisely where such controls should be most rigorously enforced, where scenic quality is most sensitive.

The caravans on the Dorset and Devon coast are an outrage. I am told that caravan sites on the fringes of the New Forest are being "upgraded" into chalet villages, with the planning authority saying it is powerless to stop them. Are they to spread unrestricted through that woodland? Similar developments can be found on Exmoor, on the cliffs of Pembrokeshire (actually within a national park) and throughout the Pennines. All a landowner needs to do is gain a licence for a temporary park and proceed by salami tactics to build himself a housing estate.

Simon Jenkins

One enterprising developer in Westmorland has designed a fibreglass cottage with an option of "slate, ecclesiastical or thatched roofs". These are constructed on a "token chassis" so as to circumvent planning control. This is presumably what the National Caravan Council, which understandably opposes any new controls, calls the "evolution of the product". The caravan is seen as the poor man's route to home-ownership, the reincarnation of squatter's rights, the black economy's answer to over-rigid planning control in cities. Unlike the gypsies and the travellers, these caravaners have no intention of roaming. They wish to stay put.

What is most extraordinary is that this defiance of country planning is not only supported by many of the more venal district councils, but encouraged by the government. In November 1992, the environment department told local planning officers to relax controls on caravan parks in the interests of tourism. A planning circular implied that the government was sympathetic to the creation of housing estates by this method.

In theory, caravans should be occupied only by holidaymakers — a laughable way of pretending they are not permanent developments. The government last year accepted that holidaymaking is now a year-round activity and that provided caravans are declared to be for "holiday use" then they may let rip. I can think of no more astonishing way of driving a million caravans, coach, horses and all, through British rural planning control. It is a licensed defiling of the landscape.

From what I can tell there has been only muted protest at this threat. The Council for the Preservation of Rural England protested last year at the environment department's relaxing of the definition of a holiday caravan for development purposes. The protest was brushed aside by a junior minister, Tony Baldry. The greatest threat to the countryside since the war continues unabated by local or national politics. I suppose all those who ought to worry go to France for their holidays and howl about caravans in the Dordogne instead.

The purpose of planning is to restrain private development in the wider public interest. I find it odd that this interest is normally expressed as aesthetic, as saving old buildings or the woods and fields for their own sake. Yet such old buildings and landscape are cited as the chief reason why foreign visitors come to Britain. They are also the chief reason why Britons are still prepared to take their holidays here. Indeed a recent Gallup survey put "the countryside" as second only to freedom of speech among the qualities we ourselves like best about Britain. To ruin the countryside is not just bad ecology. It destroys precisely the attraction of profit and a defining characteristic of British identity.

No one will come to see a nation of caravan sites. As tourists are now deserting the overdeveloped coastline of Spain, so they will desert the once-glorious hills and havens of the West Country. They will do so because today we accepted the government's idiotic pretence that caravan parks are not towns in the making.

Drama from a dram

THE TIMES DIARY

Just occasionally, an individual arises who in a few brief but well chosen words, says exactly what the rest of us are thinking. This week was such an occasion, this heroic individual Christopher Waud, the industrial tribunal chairman who so memorably advised a claimant to retire to bed with a bottle of whisky.

"Have a good night, have a good swig," he told Michael Haughney, a former BT executive clearly struggling to convince the tribunal, and the watching world, that he had been unfairly dismissed. Given some of the evidence Mr Waud had listened to, he must have been tempted to advise Dr Haughney "to have a Foulkesful". But modern-day heroes know better than to kick a man when he's *en route* from hubris to nemesis.

The crucial thing, however, is that Mr Waud's advice worked. Rested and refreshed — thereby providing further proof, if proof were needed, of new American claims that modest imbibing does wonders for the thinking process — Dr Haughney made the sensible decision and withdrew. Rested and relieved, Leesa Lemm, the BT executive whom Dr Haughney had allegedly sexually harassed, emerged from the tribunal and ran slap-bang into a little more sexual harassment — from newspaper picture editors.

Even a week in bed with a crate of Scotch is unlikely to cure male picture editors of their enthusiasm for the female form. A beleaguered Norman Lamont may have sufficed for Black/White Wednesday (delete as persuaded) but a French currency crisis needed something... well, something more French. And so it was that the fair Beatrice and Celine graced every national newspaper on Tuesday, perfectly illustrating the chaos of the foreign exchange markets. Or as perfectly as they could given that the two women, it later emerged, actually worked on the futures exchange.

How much Scotch it would take to bring a little calm, rational thought to the fevered mind of John MacGregor is difficult to quantify, although about 44 tonnes looks about right if this week is anything to go by. Mr MacGregor, of course, is the transport secretary who, together with a reportedly more sympathetic prime minister, was supposed to lead a renaissance in the British railway system. But a recent record which includes plans to widen busy motorways to 14 lanes, cut the time it takes to build new roads and allow even heavier lorries to drive on them suggests it is high time that Mr MacGregor (who, after all is Scottish and must know about these things) followed Mr Waud's advice and went for a little dram-assisted lie down.

One man who can surely attest to the efficacy of the Waud cure must be the Duke of Edinburgh. He had the most wretched of starts to his annual sojourn at the Cowes. A collision, a disqualification and a row with the local planning department about plastic windows cannot have left him in the sweetest of tempers. But one command from Buckingham Palace, presumably dispatched during a break from the last-minute spring-cleaning, did the trick: "Retire to the royal bunk and have a right royal tot." The duke awoke a happier man and promptly sailed to his first victory in living memory.

That still, of course, left the problem of the plastic windows which the duke believes the Royal Yacht Squadron is entitled to install in its 16th-century listed headquarters. His heated objection to the conventional planning process sets a worrying precedent, given that the duke chairs the restoration committee in charge at Windsor Castle. But again, the overnight malted respite worked its magic. The duke awoke and promptly appointed his eldest son chairman of the architectural sub-committee for Windsor Castle. The prospect of a plastic hammer-beam ceiling receded — along with the flying ducks rampant.

Where the Prince of Wales stands on the other royal planning row — the temporary loos installed for the convenience of those queuing to see inside Buckingham Palace — is unclear. Normally one would expect Prince Charles to align himself with English Heritage and the Royal Fine Art Commission, both of which expressed reservations about mobile loos in the Mall, but planning applications are mostly not submitted by one's mother. Ascetic aesthete he may be, but there's only one sure way of resolving such an awkward dilemma for a loyal son — a quiet night in at Highgrove, tucked up with an island malt from his beloved Western Isles. Quinlan Terry should stand by to design the first public lavatory by royal appointment.

But as the week came to a close, one individual looked in dire need of a Waud prescription — an individual about to embark on a course that could antagonise followers, deter potential converts and stifle intelligent debate. If ever, say even some of his most devoted followers, there was a time for considered reflection it is now. A bottle of suitable whiskey is on its way to the Vatican. "Have a good night, have a good swig." Male picture editors apart, it's infallible.

MATTHEW BOND

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TIMES PAST — THE TIMES

SHARING THE PEACE

South Africa's president must match Mandela's courage

Appeals for peace in South Africa's blood-drenched townships have about as much effect as cease-fires in Bosnia. Blood feuds, political rivalries and point-scoring and violent criminality have turned the townships into killing fields — and the combination has proved stubbornly immune to the handwringing of a political leadership more interested in apportioning blame than encouraging a climate of tolerance.

At first glance Nelson Mandela's speech this week at Katlehong, in which he accused white South Africans of being as indifferent to the bloodletting among their black fellow countrymen as they would be to "the deaths of flies", would seem to fall into this category. Had Mr Mandela left it there, he could legitimately have been accused of playing to the gallery; for whatever "Third Force" involvement there might be, black people are killing black people and cannot escape responsibility for the slaughter.

But this week Mr Mandela did not leave it there. To an audience which bayed for guns Mr Mandela instead gave leadership and when the crowd grew restive at his insistence that the African National Congress must share responsibility both for the violence and for ending it, he put that leadership on the line. If they did not follow him, he would cease to lead. Even from a man whose courage has never been in question it was an outstandingly brave performance, and one which demanded a commensurate response from President de Klerk.

It would take similar courage for Mr de Klerk to confront his hardline security chiefs. But the only measures which offer any long-term hope of peace would be for Mr de Klerk to integrate all official security forces and other armed formations with speed: to put these forces under multi-party control: and to declare that the main parties to the constitutional negotiations would henceforth take joint responsibility for the maintenance of law and order. This is a course which Mr de Klerk continues to evade despite its obvious political logic, choosing instead the traditional South African response of sending soldiers and armoured cars into the townships.

If the mass police and military presence succeeds in curbing the current round of killing which has claimed 150 deaths in five days, he will doubtless win some plaudits from South Africans of all colours and persuasions who have been sickened by the carnage. But they will know as well as he that he has done no more than apply a sticking plaster to a cancer. Such temporary relief could even aggravate the deep alienation between the back community and the security forces. That alienation will decline only when those forces are truly integrated and when Mr de Klerk agrees to share responsibility for them with Mr Mandela.

The South African president's persistent refusal to do so suggests, disturbingly, that, despite setting election dates and producing constitutional drafts, Mr de Klerk has not yet accepted the imminent end of exclusive white power. His reluctance may be based on a belief that control of the police and the army is essential to his government's legitimacy. But that would imply that he has yet fully to accept that South Africa is already in transition. The old structures are withering, and the real danger lies in a vacuum of legitimacy. That will follow a new type of leadership, whoever exercises it.

This week Mr Mandela exercised that leadership when he told his followers that they shared responsibility for the violence. It would be a tragic error for Mr de Klerk to refuse to match him in courage. Together, upholding the law will be difficult. Apart, it is becoming increasingly impossible. He should offer to share in keeping the peace.

LABOUR IN THE DARK

Politicians with nothing new to say get little media attention

A week after the parliamentary recess the Conservative party still appears to be making waves on Europe. In the columns of *The Times* alone, a ferocious intellectual war has been waged between the likes of Enoch Powell, Norman Lamont, Edward Heath and Douglas Hurd over the merits of the Maastricht treaty and Britain's place in the EC. The debate will have won the Conservative party few votes in the country at large, despite its sophistication. Heedless of the Tories' poor showing in the polls, the Labour party wants to get in on the act. David Hill, its communications director, has complained to the BBC that the Opposition front bench has been cold-shouldered by the corporation over its allocation of airtime. But the Labour party should beware of drawing attention to its own limitations.

Labour's thoughts on Europe come as a cry from the wilderness. Intellectually, the party has never quite recovered from its many somersaults. Its committed European theoreticians, such as Roy Jenkins, Shirley Williams and David Owen, long abandoned Labour for the political centre. Meanwhile, left wing opponents of Britain's European Community membership first had their way on Europe in conference, and then helped bring Michael Foot down by forcing on their party the 1983 general election manifesto. Anti-Europeanism was eventually dropped by Neil Kinnock on his path towards political rehabilitation, but true believers were not made welcome.

Solidly centrist Labour modernisers offered no alternative to the Tories on the most important question of all at the last election — whether or not high interest rates should be maintained to fulfil ERM targets at the cost of ever higher unemployment. The party, despite its historic commitment to full employment, merely asked for more of the same. Some choice — some debate! Under a steadfast pro-European leader, John Smith, anti-marketeers have received a drubbing in Shadow Cabinet elections, and most of their leaders have come to be seen as political dinosaurs. Labour can make capital out of defending Maastricht's social chapter, and successfully ambush the government in unholy alliance with the Tory Euro-sceptics. But the rest is silence. The intellectual opposition to the government on Europe comes from within the ruling party, not from Labour.

On foreign affairs Labour's last spokesman, Gerald Kaufman, was gagged by his own party managers during the last election. Not much has improved since then. The present incumbent, Jack Cunningham, has shown no particular originality but has left the running to his worthy lieutenant, George Robertson. The leading story of the week, Yugoslavia, for instance, has been comprehensively covered by the BBC, but which heavyweight was supposed to represent Labour? Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, was in Yugoslavia to review the troops, and provided an elegant defence of his government's latest *volte face*. Paddy Ashdown also went to Bosnia to deliver a sharp broadside against the Tories. Mr Ashdown had the benefit of military experience, local knowledge and consistent commitment to the Bosnian cause. What had Labour to offer?

Labour need not fear that its affairs will be for ever under-reported. During its party conference in Brighton this September, battles over one man one vote and trade union power will doubtless be given hours of BBC airtime. One suspects, however, that Mr Hill will then complain about too much coverage, not too little.

FRINGE BENEFITS

To Edinburgh, in search of stardom

To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive. Robert Louis Stevenson, an Edinburgh man, would have understood the mysterious force compelling 8,282 actors, musicians, clowns, belly-dancers, chanteuses and jugglers to travel hopefully to the Scottish capital this week. They will make the 1993 Edinburgh Festival Fringe the biggest in 47 years.

Four weeks of happy anarchy now follow, for the Fringe obeys no neat Arts Council dictums about size, content or quality. The only requirements are that performers have somewhere to perform (even a delicatessen is pressed into service this year, which may give ham-acting a good name) and somewhere to sleep. If they want to sleep.

An astonishing 262 new plays will be premiered, more than the staunchest critic could shake a pen at. Innumerable stand-up comics will fall flat. *Much Ado about Nothing* will be performed by four different companies. And there really will be *Hamlet* without the prince: he apparently storms out, bored by having seen the play so often.

The Scottish Tourist Office reckons that the festival is worth £50 million to Edinburgh's shops, restaurants and landladies — who will lift their room-rates to truly festive levels. But what is the festival worth to the thousands who will sing, dance and act their hearts out in obscure church halls throughout Midlothian? Undoubtedly, some starry-eyed innocents will be travelling far too hopefully. They will have been told that the Fringe launched Pete and Dud, Griff and Rowan, Jacobi and Stoppard, Dame Maggie Smith and Emma Thompson.

And they will estimate, correctly, that the Royal Mile will be crawling with critics, agents, television producers. "Next day on your dressing-room they've hung a star," goes the Irving Berlin song. Edinburgh in August is the place where people cling fondly to that old, cruel showbiz dream.

The truth is that, in recent years, the Fringe has split into two factions. At the top are big-name comedy acts, playing for big stakes. They will occupy the central venues, backed by a vast entourage. They will have invested thousands of pounds in doing the Fringe, and it is they who will be vying for the television contracts.

Then there are the rest: the zestful youth-theatre groups; the magnificently over-ambitious university drama societies; the one-man shows playing in venues the size of telephone kiosks. For these young unknowns to regard Edinburgh as the first step towards thespian fame is like regarding a pools coupon as the first step towards becoming a millionaire.

Yet perhaps they maintain the Fringe ethos better than the slick, city-centre operators who pull the crowds. Edinburgh will be the best party of their lives. And at a time when culture in Britain seems synonymous with squabbles about money, the Fringe offers a glorious reminder that the arts can simply be terrific fun.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Women's special health needs 'failed by medicine'

From Mrs Patience Purdy, President of the National Council of Women, and Mrs Norma Roth

Sir, We welcome your series of articles on discrimination against women in health matters ("Women failed by medicine", August 2, 3, 4), which highlight the inadequacies in our present health system.

Your reports confirm many of the findings of a survey carried out by the National Council of Women in 1990 among 5,000 women. This showed conclusively that women's special health needs were not being recognised. The Charter for Women's Health which we produced as a result of that survey called for reliable information on health care, so that women could make informed choices.

More recently, the Women's Health and Screening Delegation, which was formed in 1987 and which comprises 15 of the major women's voluntary organisations in the country, has taken up these issues, and many of the anxieties expressed in your article have been discussed with ministers at the Department of Health. Although some progress has been made recently, there is a long way to go, particularly regarding the lack of women doctors in general practice and in consultant's posts. More than 78 per cent of those surveyed in 1990 expressed a preference to consult a woman doctor.

We hope that media exposure will encourage further moves to redress the imbalance and deliver appropriate and adequate services to all women.

Yours faithfully,
PATIENCE PURDY, President,
NORMA ROTH
(Chairman, Women's Health and Screening Delegation),
The National Council of Women of Great Britain,
36 Danbury Street, Islington, N1.
August 5.

From Professor Albert Singer and Mrs Marie Grant

Sir, The heading of the first article in your series, "Why do doctors treat women so badly", seems to assume that doctors intentionally discriminate against or neglect their female patients. Such an assumption may have had partial credence in the past, but to insist that it applies universally today in British medicine is naive and out of touch with the real situation.

With the introduction of the new NHS reforms in conjunction with the patient's charter, a new philosophy in respect of women has been introduced in which the provision of a service to women is the aim. The inclusion of non-doctor managers in control of these services (many, as in this unit, are women) means that women are receiving a service based on need, which is continually audited and updated.

This new philosophy is already translated into clinical service, with specialist clinics established to cover the varied elements of women's health. With the demands and competition of the NHS market, such high-quality, individualised clinics will become universal in those units wishing to survive.

What cannot be denied are the major medical advances made on behalf of women in this country. Cervical cancer deaths are falling; IVF (in vitro fertilisation), although not readily available to all, has given joy to thousands of couples; hysterectomy rates decline and will continue to do so with the introduction of non-surgical devices; the cardiovascular benefits of hormone replacement offer new hope.

There are undeniably problems, as you rightly highlight, in the provision of scarce NHS resources. However, the allocation of these resources is dependent upon social and political decisions, which are not all made by the medical profession. Don't always blame the doctor.

Yours sincerely,
A. SINGER
(Consultant gynaecologist),
MARIE GRANT
(Manager, women's health services),
St Mary's Wing,
The Whittington Hospital,
Highgate Hill, N19.
August 5.

From Miss Prue Britten

Sir, Today nearly a quarter of your first page in the series "Women failed by medicine" was taken up by a photograph. It showed a beautifully manicured hand covering the left breast. The torso was flawless, young and beautiful — certainly that of a woman between the ages of 15 and 44. The mortality rate from breast cancer of women in this age bracket is (relatively) small, as shown in your graph immediately below the photograph.

While I realise that the sagging breasts and age-spotted hands of a 60-year-old woman may not make for an exciting and beautiful photograph, it might have given those of us — the majority at risk — in the more "dangerous" age bracket the idea that someone responsible for the selection of this photograph might be not only a woman, but a realist.

Yours faithfully,
PRUE BRITTEN,
48 Denman Road, SE15.
August 2.

From Dr Margaret Spittle

Sir, Your article on breast cancer screening (August 2) states that it is effective in reducing mortality only in women between 50 and 64. There is evidence that population screening for breast cancer does not work under the age of 50 largely because of the difficulty in interpreting mammograms in more dense breasts.

However, more than half of all breast cancer deaths occur over the age of 64. Reduction in breast cancer mortality has been found up to the age of 74 with good screening compliance. The Forrest report permits screening on request for those over 64. When the positive impact of our unique NHS breast-screening programme is quantified routine breast screening may be extended effectively into this age group.

Yours sincerely,
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(Director),
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August 3.

From Dr Helen Cosgrove

Sir, It is naive to assume that an increase in the number of female medical students is a definite precursor to an increase in the number of women doctors ("Hospitals run by the male mafia", August 4).

Unless there is a radical reform of the career structure for both consultants and general practitioners the medical profession will continue to be male-dominated.

It is easy to make the undergraduate curriculum appealing to both sexes; however, the reality of providing medical services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is a life sentence that most newly qualified women doctors are wise to reject.

Yours faithfully,
H. COSGROVE,
2 Durham Road,
Lanchester, Durham.
August 4.

From Dr Piers Reinhold

Sir, Your invitation (August 4) for patients to write in, detailing mistreatment and identifying difficulties in getting attention from their doctors, will undoubtedly produce a number of cases in which the medical profession will take little pride.

In defence, may I comment on two personal cases of calls in the early hours of the morning, one for head lice and, just recently, one from a parent who had run out of baby milk. Who will listen to our complaints of mistreatment?

Yours faithfully,
PIERS REINHOLD,
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August 4.

Tribute to our chess champion

From Mr Barry Martin and others

Sir, We believe that some form of permanent memorial to celebrate the historically important work of Howard Staunton (1810-74) is long overdue. It could be at any of the London addresses he occupied in Streatham, Notting Hill or Piccadilly.

Staunton became our only world chess champion, albeit unofficial, after his magnificent victory over Saint-Amant in Paris in 1843. This year is the 150th anniversary of that event, as a consequence of which British chess, and London, became the focus of the chess world.

Staunton's book, *The Chess Player's Text Book*, published in 1849, was one of the most widely acknowledged and circulated chess publications ever written. The chess pieces design to which he gave his name is used throughout the world in both everyday play and world championship matches.

In our time, Nigel Short, the most successful English player since Staunton, is about to challenge Garry Kasparov for his world title and may become our first official player to succeed at the highest level.

It would therefore be fitting if this omission to one of the great contributors to British culture was remedied in the near future. In any event it should be before the end of the forthcoming great clash of the Titans.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY MARTIN,
ROBERT G. WADE
(International Master),
DANIEL KING (Grandmaster),
J. SPEELMAN (Grandmaster),
GARETH WILLIAMS
(Director, Chess Collectors International),
10 Swanscombe Road, Chiswick, W4.
August 4.

Puzzle posers

From Mr A. J. Olsen

Sir, Like Mr John Kay (letter, July 31) I too find myself in a dilemma over the *Times* Saturday prize crossword, although of a somewhat different nature. I have actually won! It was in November 1983 and the prize was a magnificent *Times Atlas of the World*, alas now out of date.

Since then, I too have continued to compete for a pen or whisky and a stationery rack but to no avail. After ten fruitless years, I am beginning to think that to win twice would indicate a touch of avarice and that maybe the crossword editor is deciding for me, for my own good, that I do not really want to win.

Should Mr Kay win — and long may he persevere — he will, I think, be disappointed to find that there may be no congratulatory letter to hang in his cloakroom. In my day it was merely an advice note — "Please receive . . ." It had a carbon copy which one signed and returned.

Ah well!

Yours faithfully,
A. J. OLSEN,
Dunchurch-Winton Hall,
Dunchurch,
Nr Rugby, Warwickshire.
August 1.

From Mr D. A. Hall

Sir, I can see Mr Kay's problem about the *Times* Saturday prize crossword, but it is not the worst that can happen.

For years I have spent Sundays pondering over a prize crossword in a Sunday newspaper. Finally, a few weeks ago, I was fortunate enough to have my entry pulled out of the hat as one of the six prize-winners.

However, my jubilation was short-lived. My chances of a second win must be remote; besides, I do not need another dictionary. I now find that the pleasure I gained from completing the puzzle and dispatching it within the time limit has disappeared. I spend my Sundays regretting my success!

Someone once said: "There are two tragedies in life: the first is to strive ever unsuccessfully for satisfaction; the second is to achieve it". How true.

Yours faithfully,
DERRICK HALL,
1 Upton Close, Park Street,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.

From Mr F. C. Campbell

Sir, John Kay and I share the same motive in competing for the *Times* Saturday crossword prize. We both want to be able to boast that we won the wretched thing. I would still compete even if the prize were a bottle of oily nail varnish remover.

I understand that you regularly receive between 2,000 and 3,000 correct solutions, so I suppose our chances can be no better than about 500 to 1 against. Or can they? I would never so insult you, Sir, as to offer you a bribe — but are there any more legitimate ploys available to me and my fellow-sufferers?

Would you be any more likely to choose my entry if I sent it in a huge envelope which glowed in the dark? Or if I delivered it personally, perhaps descending on your office in a hot-air balloon? Or if I had an up-market address like The Old Rectory or The Manor House, rather than boring old Wrington Road?

Yours hopefully,
F. CAMPBELL,
1 Mendip View, Wrington Road,
Congresbury, Avon.
August 3.

Going swimmingly

From Mr E. J. B. Garnham

Sir, Dare one suggest that the property of being "less resistant to water than human skin" (report, August 4) will provide an added incentive to achieve faster times if only to finish before the swimsuit is dissolved by the water?

Or should the reference perhaps have been to "lower water-resistance than human skin"?

Yours faithfully,
E. J. B. GARNHAM,
The Pikes,
10 Craigweil Avenue,
Radlett, Hertfordshire.
August 4.

Cost of investing

From Mr Tom Rowland

Sir, As an enthusiastic but small investor in Eurotunnel I have recently been offered encouraging terms to increase my holding, payment to be half sterling and half French francs. I had to go to my bank and get a banker's draft for 226 francs (£25.82). For this facility I was charged £6 commission.

Not very encouraging, is it?

Yours faithfully,
TOM ROWLAND,
Bushovel Farm,
Wiston, Steyning, West Sussex.
August 2.

Death of Mrs Gardner

From the Deputy Leader of Haringey Council

Sir, Your leader (August 5) on the death of Mrs Joy Gardner rightly praises the swift response of the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Paul Condon. His action does much to restore good community relations and is partly the product of progress in recent years in building trust and communications between the police, the community and Haringey Council.

There is a need to go further. The complacent response of the Home Office minister, Charles Wardle (report, August 5), fails to recognise the seriousness of the incident, the inadequacies of the police complaints procedures and the limits of an inquest.

The truth surrounding the death of Mrs Gardner cannot be uncovered without examining the role of immigration officials and the deportation procedures followed. As things stand, immigration officials present at the incident will not be subject to the same scrutiny as Metropolitan Police officers. That cannot be right.

An independent public enquiry should examine the role of all the officials and departments involved and make recommendations to avoid any further incidents of this nature. The Police Complaints Authority does not have the power to carry out such an enquiry and it now appears that a coroner's inquest, which in itself has a very limited brief, will not be convened for some time.

Ministers personally sign deportation orders and are responsible for the procedures that follow. They should accordingly be subject to public scrutiny that can only come from an independent public enquiry.

Yours faithfully,
IAN WILLMORE,
Deputy Leader, Haringey Council,
Civic Centre, High Road, N22.
August 5.

From Dr Robin Moffat

Sir, The serving of a compulsory deportation order — which invariably induces a hostile, if not violent, response — necessitates the employment of great skill, patience and astuteness.

Those who are presently enquiring into the sad circumstances of Mrs Gardner's death might wish to consider the need for the presence of a medical practitioner at the time. The arrival at a police station of an experienced forensic medical examiner usually induces a calm atmosphere and can defuse a very tense situation.

The forensic medical service (SO20) at New Scotland Yard is now an efficient and highly professional department. Medical "fitness for deportation" could be added to the examiners' duties.

Yours truly,
ROBIN MOFFAT
(Senior Forensic Medical Examiner),
Metropolitan Police Service,
10 Harley Street, W1.
August 5.

Images of Einstein

From Professor Emeritus P. H. Plesch

Sir, As a working scientist with a lively aesthetic awareness I must contradict Peter Ackroyd's statements (*The Times* Essay, July 26; also letters, August 3) about the "implausible belief that science is somehow an 'objective' enquiry" and that it "is essentially an aesthetic activity".

Science is concerned with finding out facts about the world and forming a coherent picture which explains them logically and implies testable predictions. Each investigator has a personal style of study and interpretation, but their findings converge to give what we call an "objective" view of the world.

During this process of constructing a theory aesthetic considerations are important to many of us, but that does not make doing science an "essentially aesthetic activity".

Einstein was a quiet, kindly man, very patient at explaining things to any bona fide enquirer, and therefore "good with children" such as myself at the time. Before Einstein had his own country house, my father, who was both an old friend and his doctor, put at his disposal the little gatehouse of our estate outside Berlin. There he could do as he pleased, eat with us or fry an egg for himself and sail the little boat he kept in our boathouse.

My mother, who was totally unscientific, aesthetically highly sensitive, and an excellent judge of character, was very fond of Einstein. I recall her giving him high praise: "*Mit ihm kann ich reden*" ("He is one I can chat with"), in contrast to many other scientists in my parents' circle.

In his autobiography, *Janos, the Story of a Doctor* (J. Plesch, Gollancz, 1948), my father devoted two chapters to Einstein's life, character and medical history. Einstein himself read, corrected and approved them before publication.

Other parts of Einstein's medical history, as well as further reminiscences of and discussions with him, were set down by my father in a long memoir immediately after Einstein's death. They are in my keeping and await publication.

Yours faithfully,
P. H. PLESCH,
University of Keele,
Department of Chemistry,
Keele, North Staffordshire.

From Dr Benito Müller

Sir, Mr Peter Ackroyd says that when Einstein formulated the theory of relativity (received for publication in 1905) "he was neither a graduate nor an academic — merely the product of a technical college . . ." In fact, he *did* graduate in August 1900 from the Eidgenössisch Technische Hochschule (ETH) in Zurich, an institution which over the years has not only attracted teachers such as Wolfgang Pauli, Hermann Weyl and Hermann Minkowski, but also produced no fewer than 21 Nobel laureates.

If this is what being "merely the product of a technical college" amounts to, I suppose we could do with some more of them.

Yours truly,
BENITO MÜLLER,
Wolfson College, Oxford.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 6: The Prince Edward represented the Queen this morning at the Sovereign's Parade, the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
August 6: The Hon Mrs Rhodes has succeeded Dame Frances Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

The Sovereign's Parade

Prince Edward represented the Queen at The Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst yesterday.

The following have been granted commissions in the regiments and corps shown, having successfully completed Commissioning Course No 923. The Sword of Honour was won by Second Lieutenant (Senior Under Officer) C.R.V. Walker, and the Queen's Medal was won by Second Lieutenant (Junior Under Officer) G.M. Stickland.

CIM Armstrong-Bell, A and SH; AB Arthurton, R Signals; RM Artley, R Signals; HC Asplin, RE; JH Barber, RGJ; CFJ Barker, QDG; JR Barkes, LD; RS Bambrook, Cheshire; DDC Bathgate, RS; VJ Bealby, RE; EDG Bebb, RA; SL Bell, RE; AB Bellingham, Int Corps; KL Bennett, AGC (ETS); JB Biddle, SG; NR Blenkinsop, RLC; EL Bliss, Int Corps; AJW Boothby, PWO; KMM Borton, SG; BA Boyce, AGC (ETS); DJ Bradley, PWRR; JRG Brinsden, RE; HCB Briscoe, LG; RC Brown, RE; CD Bruce-Payne, RWF; WDH Burden, REME; EAD Cadogan, RGJ; AE Carpenter, RLC; JDC Carr-Smith, RDG; MA Carruthers, WFR; MM Chambers, RLC; RA Christie, Green Howards; RJ Churchill, LI; JE Clark, QRL; DS Clarke, RA; AC Clee, RE; DEA Cole, QDG; BGJ Collins, 9/12L; TJ Constable, Staffords; SW Cook, RE; DA Cooper, R Signals; JR Cooper, RA; JAM Corse, RHG/D; SJ Crane, QO HLDRS; MN Cranham, RLC; MJ Crawford, R Signals; AJ Crawley, PWRR; DEC Creswell, RDG; PE Crick, RE; PE Culnane, RA; EA Dallyn, R Signals; EJM Dawes, RA; CJP De Lukacs Lessner, RRW; A Dimmock, RA; DP Doherty, REME; JJ Earnshaw, RE; S-J East, AGC (SPS); RJG Edwards, R Signals; MF Elliott, REME; TR Elliott, BW; JP Ellis, WFR; JF Errington, RTR; D Eshelby, AGC (ETS); D Estyn-Jones, PARA; JR Evans, RE; AGC Fair, Scots DG; RJ Farrant, PARA; AR Fawcett, R Signals; RCD Fawcus, RE; BJ Fitch, R Signals; JCJ Fox, RA; RF Fox, AGC (SPS); DM French, AGC (SPS); AHT Garrett, R Signals; CJ Ghika, IG; MP Goodwin-Hudson, RHG/D; MJ Gordon-Clark, RGJ; CM Gorton, RA; REJ Gray, Coldm Gds; PWD Greenow, RA; FJR Grounds, R Anglian; TA Hall, REME; PW Hannah, 10 GR; SJ Hardaker, RA; AR Harrison, R Signals; IL Hart, AGC (SPS); JCC Haworth, 2 GR; CD Haywood, RA; RW Hendrickse, RA; JJJ Henzie, RRF; RB Hill, REME; NJ Hindmarsh, RE; JR Hoare, RE; AF Hodkinson, RA; MG Holden-Craufurd, LG; JBW Hollister, Kings; JP Hook, RE; VL Hope-Smith, RLC; CG Horton, R Signals; JW Houghton, BW; TD How, RTR; JR Howard, QRIH; JA Inglis-Jones, Gren GDS; SJ Ison, AGC (ETS); KM James, REME; MJ Jarman, RE; HW Jelley, RA; BGW Johnson, R Signals; TA Johnston, R Irish; C Jones, RE; DM Jones, RLC; CA Joyce, AGC (SPS); DL Kelly-Smith, REME; AJ Kett, RRF; L Kilpatrick, RA; PW Kimber, WFR; C King, REME; NJ Kitson, RGJ; B Lampard, LI; CPB Langlands Pearse, DWR; RG Lappin, RE; IG Large, AGC (SPS); CPA Larkin, R Irish; EGR Latham, Coldm GDS; SJ Leach, RE; AT Leggat, R Irish; DR Lenel, RE; PD Lewis, AGC (ETS); PA Little, Green Howards; AM Loughran, AGC (RMP); IM Low, REME; AC Lowe, RHG/D; SD Lowe, REME; SHR Lubbock, Coldm GDS; CE Lucas, AGC (SPS); RT Ludwyche, 9/12 L; BA MacInnes, WG; CS Maconachie, Derr; J Mann, Int Corps; SCB Marshall, RTR; WP Martin, RA; SM Massetti, RE; GC McBain, RHF; MT McClung, AGC (ETS); RP McDermott, RRF; LSF McGrath, R Anglian; EC McMahon Turner, RA; SC McNulty, RLC; SN Meadowcroft BEM, R Signals; AK Millsop, D and D; DD Mitchell, Para; AD Moffat, RLC; IS Mortimer, QRIH; AJ Mould, R Signals; SCV Myers, RLC; CCL Myres, RE; AD Nealon, Kings; AG Oates, RA; RA Olney, AAC; JAC Orr, QRL; PJ Orwell, Staffords; AM Ozanne, RTR; KL Palmer, AGC (ETS); AJ Parker, RLC; JD Parrott, RA; AW Patrick, RLC; JCE Petter, RGJ; ATL Potts, KRH; CC Pugh, RLC; GAM Purcell, DWR; NZC Renyard, RA; SJ Roberts, AGC (SPS); M Ross, Staffords; TRH Sayers, RE; RL Sharrocks, Kings; WN Smallwood, RE; AJ Smith, R Signals; ID Smith, AAC; PT Smith, RLC; RPM Smith, RA; PA Solitt, RLC; AP Sorrell, RLC; MJ Spandler, Glosters; JM Speake, R Signals; AP Speed, SG; TP Spenlove-Brown, Scots DG; CJM Squier, RA; CRM Story, RE; GM Strickland, 6 GR; J d V Sunderland, RLC; LJ Sutherland, RE; SJ Symes, RLC; MJ Taylor, RE; RC Taylor, LG; SE Taylor, PWRR; GJ Thompson, RTR; AR Thorne, REME; NPS Thornton, LI; DC Todd, QLR; JEH Vigne, RA; SI Vinall, PWRR; SCE Wade, Gren Gds; CRV Walker, IG; EL Watson Mack, RA; CRJ Weir, Para; TKW Welch, LI; RP Wesson, RTR; JA White, R Signals; CJM Williams, KRH; I Williams, REME; KJ Williams, REME; SGG Witheridge, Gren Gds; IT Wood, Green Howards; NI Wood, Kings Own Border; GJ Woodall, RE; JJR Wynnian-Husey, Coldm Gds; MEH Young, A and SH.

The following overseas cadets passed out with a view to being commissioned in their own countries. The Overseas Cane was won by Cdt Sgt I. Ruggier.

Neill Roger Camacho Kaller, Paraguay; Leon E Chandler, Trinidad; Luhlabo Gcina Dhlamini, Swaziland; Dwight Otis Francis, Jamaica; Haji Idris Bin Haji Mohammed Nor, Brunei; Khannu Munna Rai, Nepal; Kosit Theampech, Thailand; Manoj Baldawar, Nepal; Mohammed Bin Ali Dubiaan Jaboob, Oman (SSF); Meshack Kwena Mojela, Botswana; Julius Mupa, Zimbabwe; Nasser Bin Hamad Al Mujeni, Oman (R GD); NG Boon Teck Lawrence, Singapore; Parmanand Ramjeet, Mauritius; Rashid Mohammed Al Dhahri (UAE); Ian Ruggier, Malta; Juma Nkangaa Issa Sipe, Tanzania; WM Sanath Banda Wewegama, Sri Lanka; Michael P Williams, Belize.

PETER SANDGROUND

Mass finale: the massed bands of the Scottish Division performing at the Edinburgh tattoo which opened last night. Because of army cutbacks, this year is likely to be the last when all the Scottish regimental bands take part

Latest wills

Mr Robert James Adley, of London SW1, Conservative MP for Christchurch and Lymington, left estate valued at £275,871 net.

Richard Archibald, 7th Earl Fortescue, of Swinbrook, Oxfordshire, Conservative Opposition Whip in the House of Lords 1978-79, left estate valued at £1,019,846 net.

Professor Albert Louis Latner, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, Emeritus Professor of Clinical Biochemistry at Newcastle University, left estate valued at £392,104 net.

He left £5,000 each to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and the British Friends of the Hebrew University, London.

Appointments

John Francis Ryde Martin to be British High Commissioner to Malawi in succession to William Nigel Wenban-Smith, who is retiring.

Alan Edwin Furness, ambassador designate at Dakar, to be also ambassador (non-resident) to Mali.

Service of Thanksgiving

Patrick Drury-Lowe

A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Derby Cathedral for Patrick Drury-Lowe on Friday, October 8, 1993, at 2.30pm. Buses will meet trains from London.

Piping contest

Golden tones win Silver Chanter

By Angus Nicol

FIVE pipers, all holders of the Highland Society of London's gold medal, among other distinctions, took part in the 27th MacCrimmon Memorial Piobaireachd recital at Dunvegan Castle this week.

The recital is also a competition in that there are judges who award a single, and greatly coveted, prize, the Silver Chanter. The pipers all played tunes by members of the MacCrimmon family, who were hereditary pipers to MacLeod of MacLeod for 300 years up to the 19th century.

The prize takes its name from the legendary silver chanter presented by a fairy, in about 1500, to the first of the MacCrimmons, enabling him to win a competition held by his master, the eighth Chief of MacLeod, for the pipers of a number of clan chiefs.

The recital was held, as always, in the drawing-room of Dunvegan Castle, seat of the Chiefs of MacLeod, presided over by the 28th Chief. This room was once the great hall of the castle, in which many of the MacCrimmons' tunes were first heard.

First to perform was Sergeant Brian Donaldson, Scots Guards, who played the "Lament for the Earl of Antrim", composed in 1636 by Padruig Mór MacCrimmon. This was followed by Roderick MacLeod, a previous winner of the Silver Chanter, playing "the Earl of Ross's March", an exacting tune composed by Donald Mór MacCrimmon. Pipe Major Alasdair Gillies, Queen's Own Hilghanders, played "I got a kiss of the king's hand", commemorating Padruig Mór's presentation to King Charles in 1651. Pipe Major Gillies played an excellent tune, but disaster struck towards the end of the crunluath a mach, when his bass drone stopped.

The last two tunes were the best of the evening. The first was "Mrs MacLeod of Talisker's Salute", beautifully played by Angus MacColl, in Angus MacKay's setting. This tune was composed by Donald Ruadh MacCrimmon, the last of the great MacCrimmon pipers. Last to play was Murray Henderson, already winner of the Silver Chanter four times. His tune was Donald Mór's great "Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay", his friend and protector, who became the first Lord Reay. His fine performance, secured his fifth "Silver Chanter for Henderson".

The adjudicators were Iain MacFadyen and Hugh MacCallum, both of whom have been associated with the Silver Chanter since its inception, and both of whom played in it in each of the first 25 years. Between them, they won the Chanter ten times.

While they were deliberating, Seumas MacNeill, one of the founders of the Silver Chanter recitals, played Donald Mór's tune "The Battle of Watermish", commemorating a conflict between the MacLeods and MacDonalds not far from Dunvegan. MacNeill's performance showed the manner in which a battle tune should be played.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr J.W. Essex and Dr A.L.U. Roberts

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Wynne, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.R. Essex, of Maidstone, Kent, and Alison Laura Udal, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.J.U. Roberts, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr M.R. McNish and Miss N.S.J. Jones

The engagement is announced between Michael Robin, twin son of Colonel and Mrs Robin McNish, of Wylye, Wiltshire, and Nicola Sarah Jane (Sally), youngest daughter of Mr Terence Jones, of Amsterdam, and Mrs Ruth Staples, of Bahrain.

Mr P.J.T. Marshall and Miss G.M. Goodman

The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of John and Antoinette Marshall, of London, and Gillian, daughter of Michael and Iris Goodman, of Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr B.S.J. Rimmer and Miss C.M.J. Maguire

The engagement is announced between Benjamin, son of Mr and Mrs Shane Rimmer, of Little Heath, Hertfordshire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kieron Maguire, of Dublin, Eire.

Mr V. Mariani and Miss L. Howard-Johnston

The engagement is announced between Vittorio, the only son of Signor and Signora Filiberto Mariani, of Rome, Italy, and Leonie, younger daughter of Michael Howard-Johnston, of Minterne Magna, Dorset, and Mrs Jonathan Hillier, of Penang, Malaysia.

Mr T.J. Parfitt and Baroness K.E.C. van Pallandt

The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Parfitt, of Letchworth, Hertfordshire, and Kirsa, eldest daughter of Baron Frederik van Pallandt, of Holland, and Baroness Nina van Pallandt, of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Marriages

Mr J. Silvester Horne and Mrs E.A. Williams-Ellis

The marriage between Mr John Silvester Horne and Mrs Elizabeth Ann Williams-Ellis took place in London on August 5.

Mr J.M. Sullivan, QC and Dr S.J. Farmer

The marriage between Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC, and Dr Sandy Farmer took place quietly on Monday, August 2, 1993.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: John Ayrton Paris, physician, Cambridge, 1785; Frederic William Farrar, writer of school stories, Dean of Canterbury 1895-1903, Bombay, 1831; Sir Granville Bantock, composer, London, 1868; Louis Leakey, archaeologist and anthropologist, Kabete, Kenya, 1903; Ralph Johnson Bunche, diplomat, Nobel peace laureate 1950, Detroit, 1904.

DEATHS: Robert Blake, parliamentarian and admiral, at sea off Plymouth, 1657; Caroline, Queen Consort of King George IV, London, 1821; Joseph Marie Jacquard, silk weaver, Oullins, France, 1834; Aleksandr Blok, Russian poet, 1921; Curbaston Gregorio Ricci, mathematician, 1925; Konstantin Stanislavsky, actor and co-founder of the Moscow Arts Theatre, Moscow, 1938; Sir Rabindranath Tagore, poet, philosopher, Nobel laureate 1913, Calcutta, 1941.

Parliament passed an act prohibiting the employment of boys as chimney sweeps, 1840.

The first British Grand Prix was run at Brooklands, 1926.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Jacques de Beauval, theologian, Rouen, 1653; Francis Hutcheson, philosopher, Armagh, 1694; William Bateson, biologist, Whitby, 1861; P.A.M. Dirac, physicist, Nobel laureate 1933, Bristol, 1902; Andy Warhol, painter, Pittsburgh, 1931.

DEATHS: Thomas à Kempis, theologian, Agnetenberg, The Netherlands, 1471; George Canning, prime minister 1827, London, 1827; Thomas Crofton Croker, antiquary, London, 1854; Lucia Mathews (Mme Vestris), actress, London, 1856; Robert Moffat, missionary, Leigh, Surrey, 1883; Jacob Burckhardt, historian, Basel, 1897; Anton Denikin, commander of the anti-Bolshevik forces in the Russian Civil War 1918-20, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1947; Nicholas Monsarrat, novelist, London, 1979.

The English Poor Law Act was passed, 1834.

The Great Train Robbery — £2.25m stolen from the Glasgow-London train at Cheddington, Buckinghamshire, 1963.

President Nixon resigned following the Watergate affair, 1974.

Church news

The Rev Bernal Kelly, Vicar, St John w. St Mark, Bury: to be Vicar, St George w. St Alban, Rochdale (Manchester).

The Rev David Lowman, Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Chelmsford): to be *also* a non-residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral.

Birthdays

TODAY: The Right Rev David Bentley, Bishop-designate of Gloucester, 58; Mr Greg Chappell, cricketer, 45; Mr Neil Clarke, chairman, British Coal, 59; Sir Maurice Dorman, former Governor General of Malta, 81; Professor H.L. Elvin, former director, London University Institute of Education, 88; Mr Matthew Evans, chairman and managing director, Faber and Faber (Publishers), 52; Sir Ian Fraser, former chairman, Lazard Brothers, 70; the Right Rev A.A.K. Graham, Bishop of Newcastle, 64; Sir Paul Hawkins, former MP, 81; Mr Kenneth Kendall, broadcaster, 69; Mr Andrew Large, chairman, Securities and Investment Board, 51; Mr Owen Luder, architect, 65; Mr A.G. McCrae, former chairman, British Ports Association, 84; Dame Ella Macknight, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 89; Vice-Admiral Sir Hector MacLean, 85; Mr Nick Ross, broadcaster, 46; Mr Alexei Sayle, comedian, 41; Baroness Seear, 80; Mr Philip Snow, author, 78; Mr Walter Swinburn, jockey, 32; Mr Allen Thomas, chairman and chief creative officer, J. Walter Thompson (Europe), 49; Mr J.A. Young, chairman, Young and Company's Brewery, 72.

TOMORROW: Professor Jack Baldwin, chemist, 55; Mr Keith Barron, actor, 59; Lord Campbell of Eskan, 81; Lord Chapple, 72; Viscount Combermere, 64; the Earl of Donoughmore, 66; Lord Hayhoe, 68; Mr Dustin Hoffman, actor, 56; Lieutenant-General Sir David House, 71; Mr P.H. Lapping, headmaster, Sherborne School, Dorset, 52; Mr Nigel Mansell, racing driver, 40; Sir Alan Muir Wood, civil engineer, 72; Sir Patrick Neill, QC, former vice-chancellor, Oxford University, 67; Professor Roger Penrose, mathematician, 62; Sir Neil Thorne, former MP, 61; Lord Tranmire, 90; Mr Bill Wigglesworth, deputy director general, Oftel, 56; Mr Justice Wood, 71; Professor John Yudkin, nutritionist, 83.

Princess Beatrice of York is five tomorrow

Church services tomorrow

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 Sung Euch, Darke in A minor, Ave verum corpus (Byrd), The Archdeacon; 3.15 E, Responses (Neary), Sumsion in A, The heavens are telling (Haydn); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev D S Naumann.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Sung Euch with St Luke's Girls' Choir, Illinois, Schmucke dich, O Liebe Seele (Bach), Chichester Mass (Albright), Ave Maria (Parsons), Rapsodie Gregorienne, Canon Ronald Johns; 3 E with choir of Christchurch, Penrith, Responses (Ferial), Walmisley in D minor, Jesu, Word of God incarnate (Elgar), Festive Offertorium (Fletcher); 6.30 NP, Mr John Barratt.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 Parish Communion, Rev Jacqui Jones; 11.15 M, Vice Provost; 6 E, Vice Provost.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany (St Erasmus Chapel); 8 HC; 10 Choral M, Te Deum in C (Stanford), Canon K M Maltby; 11.30 Choral Euch, Missa de Angelis, Sicut Cervus (Palestrina); 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Smith), Smart in B flat, Behold God is Great (Naylor); 4.30 Infant Baptism; 6.30 E, Canon Christopher Biddell.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP (Gethsemane Chapel); 8 Communion (Lady Chapel); 10.30 Cathedral Euch, Collegium Regale (Darke), Beati quorum via (Stanford), If ye love me (Philip Wilby), Cantique de Jean Racine (Faure), Canon Paul Oestreicher, Director of the International Ministry; 3 German Lutherans (Chapel of Unity); 5.30 E, Sing joyfully (Byrd), Responses (Leighton), Westminster Service (Howells), Let all the world (Vaughan Williams).

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 Sung Euch, Schubert in G, Benedictus (Schubert), The Provost; 3 Royal British Legion Dedication Service with Leicester Bach Choir, Greater Love (Ireland); 4 EP.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch, Messe Solennelle (Vierne), O sacrum convivium (Jackson), Canon Peter Hall; 11.15 M, Responses (Rose), Stanford in B flat, Christ, whose glory fills the skies (Darke), Rev A Adkins; 12.30 HC; 1.30 New Life Fellowship Service; 3.45 E, Responses (Rose), Dyson in D, And I saw a new heaven (Bainton).

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch with Men's Voices of the Choir of St Alphege, Solihull, Three Part Mass (Byrd), Si iniquitas (Wesley), The Precentor; 3.30 E with choir of St Michael, Lichfield, Responses (Ayleward), Stanford in G, Listen Sweet Dove (Ives).

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8 Holy Euch, Rev J F Redvers Harris; 9 Parish Euch, Rev J F Redvers Harris; 11 Sung Euch, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd), O Magnum Magisterium (Byrd), Canon in Residence; 12.15 Holy Euch (Lady Chapel); 3.30 Choral E, Short Service (Weelkes), Blow ye the trumpet in Zion (Jackson); 6.30 E & Sermon with choir of St Augustine's, Penarth, Mr Victor Steele.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Dean; 10 Sung Euch, Jauchzet dem Herrn (Mendelssohn), Solo *Mass (Mozart), Ave Verum* (Mozart), Canon James Edwards; 6 E, Responses (Smith), Stanford in C, I was glad (Parry), The Deacon.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch, Darke in F, O sacred banquet (Harwood), Ven C E Thomas, Archdeacon of Wells; 11.30 M, Stanford in B flat, Glorious and powerful God (Wood); 3 E, Murrill in E, Hear my prayer (Mendelssohn), Preb F Vere Hodge.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 10 M, Rev Anthony Harvey; 11 M (St Margaret's Church), Rev Donald Gray; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Rev Colin Semper; 3 E, Rev Eric Franklin; 5.45 Organ recital, Paul Derrett; 6.30 ES, Rev Anthony Harvey.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Mass 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7; 10.30 SM; 10 MP; 2.30 Organ recital, Andrew Smith; 3.30 Solemn V & B (in English).

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Ireland in C, Locus iste (Bruckner), Rev Canon Ralph Mayland; 11.30 M, Responses (Radcliffe), Te Deum B flat (Stanford), Jubilate in C (Britten); 4 E, Responses (Rose), Dyson in D, And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), Rev Canon Ralph Mayland.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral Euch, Sumsion in F, Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Chancellor Walter Williams; 3.30 Choral E, Stanford in C, Responses (Smith), A Gaelic Blessing (Rutter).

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 HC, Rev Kirkley C Sands; 10 HC, Howells (Collegium Regale), Rev Howard H Gordon; 11.30 MS, How lovely is thy dwelling place, Rev J Philip Newell; St Giles' at 6, Edinburgh Renaissance Band; 8 ES, Rev David Macleod.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: Services sung by Wren Singers of London. 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Sumsion), Te Deum & Jubilate, Canon Michael Saward; 11.30 HC, Missa Brevis (Walton), Set me as a seal (Walton); 3.15 E, Dyson in F, Let all the world (Dyson), The Dean.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Sung Euch, Rev G Greig; 6.30 Sung E, Rev C Greigh.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Stanford in B flat, Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Rev C L Geake; 6 E & B, Stanford in B flat, Beati quorum (Stanford).

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev John Stott; 6.30 Preb Richard Bewes.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa iste confessor (Palestrina), Gaudent in coelis (Vittoria), Ego sum panis vivus (Byrd).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 11 M, Mr D Royce, Organ: voluntary for the Cornett stop (Blow); 6 E, Mr D Royce, Organ: voluntary in D minor (Purcell). There will be no Holy Communion at 12.15.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev Stanley Hood; 6.30 Mr Chris Swan.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Mr Jeremy Barnes; 11 Informal Service, Mr Tim Stilwell; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev Tom Gillum.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Simile est regnum caelorum (Victoria), Ave Maria (Guerrero), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Jubilate Deo (Lassus).

ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD & ALL SAINTS, Ennismore Gardens, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy, Choral music of the Kievan & Znamenny traditions sung in Church Slavonic.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Gordon E Barritt.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30, Rev Jeffrey Harris.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Ronald T Englund; 7 Lutheran Choral Vespers, Fugue, Chorale & Epilogue (Howells), Rustic Cavalry (Whitlock), Rev Ronald T Englund.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Rev A Winter; 6.30 E, Rev Michael Whawell.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Jubilate (Howells Collegium Regale), Missa Vidi speciosam (Howells), Teach me, O Lord (Attwood), Guild Chaplain Bill Christianson; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Reading), Arnold in A, Pater peccavi (Clemens), Christe qui lux es (Whyte), Guild Chaplain Bill Christianson.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont St, SW1X: 11 Rev John H McIndoe; 6.30 Rev Eleanor J McMahon.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 MP, Ireland in F, O Lord, thou searchest me out (Batten), Rev G B McAvoy.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Missa Brevis (Britten), Haec dies (Mawby).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Sumsion in F, Thus sings the heavenly choir (Amner), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: Services resume September 6.

ST LUKE'S, SW3: 10.30 MP & HC, Missa Petre Ego (Lobo), O Lord increase our faith (Loosemoore), Rev Derek Watson; 5.30 E, O be joyful (Ireland), Rev Derek Watson.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 Sung Euch (Merbecke), Rev Tom Devonshire Jones.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), Agnus Dei (Faure), Pie Jesu, In Paradisum (Faure), Voluntary: Postlude in D minor (Stanford), Rev Donald Lyon; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, *Dignus et agnus* (Williamson), Responses (Byrd), My shepherd is the living Lord (Tomkins), Voluntary: Fugue in F (Bach), Rev William Ratchford; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Joyce Bennett; 5 Choral E with choir of St Mary's Church, Wotton-Under-Edge; 6.30 ES, Rev Bernhard Schunemann.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 & 7 LM; 11 HM, Mass for three voices (Byrd), Fr Bill Scott; 6 Solemn E & B.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Sung Euch (Merbecke), The Rector.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Rev Henry Ruschmeyer.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Ad Fugam (Palestrina), Cibavit eos (Byrd), Rev Desmond Tillyer.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Kronungmesse (Mozart), Ave Maria (Bach/Gounod); 6 EP & B.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: Services resume September 5.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: Services resume October 3.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: Choral services resume September 12. Holy Communion will continue on Sundays at 8.30am.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 Sung Euch, Fr Christopher Lowe.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: Services resume Oct.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Cantate Domino (Monteverdi), Te Deum, Laetentur coeli (Byrd), Voluntary: Seventee Come Sunday (Vaughan Williams), Ven Alan Dean (Band of The Coldstream Guards); 12 HC.

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BIRTHS

BADHAM-THORNHILL - On August 1st to Lucy (née Holder) and David a son, a brother for Tom and Helen.

BATESON - On 3rd August, to Anna (née Burley) and David, a son, Michael Alexander.

BOTTOMLEY - On July 25th, 1993, to Penny (née Brown) and Robert, a son, Joe Edward, a brother for Kit and Guy.

GAISFORD-ST LAWRENCE - On 5th August to Christine, wife of Julian, a son.

ROBB - On July 6th, to Emily and Philip, a son Philip George Newbolt.

SAUNDERS - On July 7th 1993 at The Portland Hospital to Joe and Gill, a wonderful daughter, Claire.

STANBROOK - On 20th July, to Allison (née Miles) and Lionel, a daughter Ella Maude a sister for Jessie.

DEATHS

AMBOLDT - On August 3rd peacefully, Elsa, aged 78. A much loved mother of Lawrence. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Brenchley, Kent on August 10th at 3 pm. Donations, if desired, payable to F.O.R.C.E. (Medical Research Exeter Hospital) c/o Walker, 27 High Street, Budleigh Salterton, Devon. Further enquiries c/o J. Perigoe & Son (0580) 713636

BENT - John Robert of Blakedown. On 6th August, 1993 aged 68 at home, Twyning. Much loved husband, father and friend. Cremation Friday 13th August. Family only. No flowers please. Donations, if desired to Macmillan Nurses Fund, c/o Mason & Stokes, 54 Hewlett Road, Cheltenham, GL52 6AH. A Thanksgiving Service will be held, date to be announced.

COLES - Cecil Brooke died peacefully at the Royal Star and Garter Home on 29th July 1993. Cremation Service at 11.30 am on Tuesday 10th August 1993 at Mortlake Crematorium, Richmond, Surrey. No flowers please. Donations to Royal Star and Garter Home or charity of choice.

CRAMER - peacefully on 5th August Friedrich Heinrich aged 86 years of Farmhill, Stroud. Dearly loved husband of Hubertine and a much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Private family funeral. Donations if desired may be sent for The Christian Community (Stroud) c/o Philip Ford & Son (Funeral Directors) Dirleton House, Cainscross Road, Stroud, Glos.

EISINGER - Louis. Suddenly on 2nd August, 1993 at his home at Cutler House Road, Milltimber; previously of The Glade, Purley: Louis Eisinger, husband of the late Isa and father of Annie and Edith. Funeral private.

HENDERSON - On 6th August peacefully at home, Robin Antony (Tony) M.B.E. M.C., most dearly loved by his wife Anne, his children Deborah and Jeremy, his family and friends. Requiem at St Gregory's, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne on Monday August 16th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Army Benevolent Fund, c/o Haine & Son, 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

KINDELL - Margaret Ann Kindell passed away peacefully at her home with her family on Wednesday 4th August at 4.45 am after a courageous battle against cancer. Although at times Margaret suffered pain, on the whole she made sure that she enjoyed life to the full. Margaret will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Margaret's funeral will be held at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Nine Mile Ride, Wokingham, Berkshire at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 11th August: family and friends are most welcome. Donations in lieu of flowers to St. Michaels Hospice, Basil de Ferranti House, Aldermaston Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 9NB.

MALCOLMSON - On August 3rd peacefuly at his home in Carlisle, Massachusetts after a long illness borne with great courage Euan, aged 69 years. Devoted husband of Carole and a much loved father of Andrew, Iona, Hazel and George.

PALLISER - On 3rd August 1993 at home, after a short illness, in her 92nd year, Margaret Eva (née King-Salter), widow of Admiral Sir Arthur Palliser KCB DSC and beloved mother of Michael and Bridget (Rendel), grandmother of Anthony, Peter and Nicholas and great-grandmother of Miles and Fabia. Requiem Mass on 12th August at 11 am at Brompton Oratory. Burial afterwards (family only) at Putney Vale.

PALMER - On August 4th aged 83 years John Russell M.C. Lt Col retired 13th-18th Royal Hussars (Q.M.O.). Loved husband of the late Blue, father of Gillian, grandfather of Charles and Amabel. Funeral Service Carlton Husthwaite Church on Tuesday 10th August at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu may be made in aid of 13th-18th Hussars Museum and Aid Funds. Enquiries C. Medd & Sons, Market Place, Easingwold, YO6 3AB. (0347 821370)

PAVRY - Peggy, peacefully at home on August 5th. Dearly loved wife of the late Frank Pavry, mother of Sabrina and William, and grandmother of James, William, Richard, Louise and Katherine. Funeral at 11 am Wednesday August 11th Holy Trinity, Bledlow.

PENNANT - On August 5th Arthur Dermot Humberston, born May 1908, husband of Ann, father of Arnold, Banba and Lilla, grandfather of Peter, Jessica, Samuel, William, Thomas and Sarah. Funeral St Stephen's Church Bodfari, Monday August 9th at 2.30 pm.

PITTS-TUCKER - R. St J. (Jim) CBE died peacefully on 5th August 1993, aged 84, at The Beaumont Nursing Home Coventry. Much loved brother, husband and father, formerly Headmaster of Pocklington School and Secretary of Headmasters' Conference and Association. Funeral (for family and friends 2.30 pm Friday 20th August, St John the Baptist Church Aldbury, no flowers please. Memorial Service: Midday Thursday 7th October, St Peter's Church Berkhamsted.

POUNCY - On 4th August 1993 the Reverend Anthony Grenville, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Service at St Simon's, Waverley Road, Southsea at 2 pm on 12th August followed by interment (family only) at Warblington. Family flowers only. If desired, gifts to Crosslinks or Scripture Gift Mission. Psalm 16 verse 11.

RUSS-SMITH - On August 4th Alban (Bill), beloved and loving husband of Jenny, father of Ian and Susan (Moller). Funeral private. Memorial Service at St Marys Parish Church Easebourne, Midhurst, at 3pm on Wednesday August 11th 1993. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Arthritis Research may be sent to L.F. Lintott & Son, (0730 813264).

TIZARD - On 5th August 1993, suddenly Dr. David Andrew Thomas Tizard beloved husband of Felicia, and youngest son of the late Sir Henry Tizard, G.C.B. and the late Lady Tizard. For funeral enquiries please contact J H Kenyon, 74, Rochester Row, SW1. 071 834 4624

VESTEY - On the 4th August 1993 after a long illness, borne with dignity and courage, Ursula Frances Bowring 'Tops' (née Skimming). Dearly loved mother of Johnny and a wise and loving grandmother to her five granddaughters, Victoria, Angela, Georgina, Sara and Christina. Funeral Service at St. George's, Hanover Square on Wednesday 11th August at 3 pm. Followed by cremation privately. Please, family flowers only.

VINES - Barbara Ann (née Bolshaw), peacefully at home on 5th August. Beloved wife of Jeremy and mother to David, Jenie and Ben. Ever cheerful, positive and loving, she will be very much missed by everyone. Funeral Service at St. Peter's, Petersham at 2 pm on Friday, 13th August. Family flowers only. Donations, please, to Westminster Hospital, Radiotherapy Research Fund, c/o Mrs. Buck on 071 730 9201.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

BRICKMAN - Frank, 1983. Remembered with love and gratitude.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FURSE - Patrick. A celebration of the life of Patrick Martin Furse will be held at St. Georges Church, Hanover Square, London W1 on Saturday, 18th September at 10.30 am. All are welcome to attend.

ANNIVERSARIES

DEBORAH - They said it would not last the first year and here we are celebrating our tenth, a lot of money was won and lost back in 83, and even though I didn't win any money, I am still the biggest winner of all. I love you. Jack.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GIFFEN - Philip William (born 14 July 1920) or Douglas Arthur (born 13 August 1920). Would either of the above or their relatives kindly contact Ian Gill at Asian Development Bank, P O Box 789, Manila, Philippines. Mr Gill is the grandson of Constance Nellie Giffen and is trying to trace relatives.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Meeting of the Company will be held at the offices of Maitland & Co. S.à r.l., 68-70 boulevard de la Pétrusse, Luxembourg on Thursday 26th August 1993 at 12h00 for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing in the presence of a notary, the special business which was proposed at the Annual General Meeting held on the 24th June 1993, but could not be passed due to an insufficient quorum namely:

To amend Article 9.1 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Company by the deletion of the words "the 4th Thursday in the month of June" and the insertion of the words "the last Friday in the month of August" therefore.

The shareholders are advised that at that meeting, resolutions will be put to the vote regardless of the number of shares represented.

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OBITUARIES

COLONEL SIR GUY CAMPBELL, Bt

Colonel Sir Guy Campbell, OBE, MC, fifth baronet, formerly of the 60th Rifles and the Kenya Regiment, died on July 19 aged 83. He was born on January 18, 1910.

GUY CAMPBELL was a leading operational commander in the fight against the Mau Mau in Kenya in the 1950s. He led the Kenya Regiment for three years during which its soldiers, mostly local territorials, killed more terrorists and seized more weapons than any others, winning a total of over 70 decorations. At one time one of its platoons stood guard over the prisoner Jomo Kenyatta — later to lead his country into independence. It was perhaps a mark of their mutual respect that Campbell, who was awarded a military OBE at the end of his tour, found himself on friendly terms with his old enemies on revisiting Kenya.

He belonged to the 60th Rifles (now part of the Royal Green Jackets) in which his family had served for generations. The 60th Rifles were officially linked to the Kenya Regiment, which explains why he was seconded to Nairobi to be, first, the Kenya Regiment's second in command and then its commanding officer. They were posts for which Campbell was admirably qualified.

He had a long-recognised talent for training infantry and had spent much of his career in North and East Africa. He won his Military Cross in 1941 while fighting with the Sudan Defence Force (SDF) against the Italian Army in Abyssinia (Ethiopia). He was praised for his coolness and courage while leading a company of the SDF's motorised Camel Corps in the battle for Chilga. In that whole campaign he made such imaginative use of the arduous terrain that he managed to make the Italians believe that the SDF's strength was far greater than it was, thus tying down large enemy concentrations.

Guy Theophilus Halswell Campbell had been destined from boyhood for the Army — though he might also have earned his living as an artist. Born in London into a Scottish family (his father played golf for Scotland) he inherited a title which had been created in 1815 for a forbear who had been governor of Gibraltar during the great seige. The governor died prematurely of the plague so his son was made the first baronet instead.

Young Guy and his twin brother David (who subsequently won an MC with the Black Watch) went to Eton, where they shared all the art prizes, then to St Andrew's University. In 1931 he was commissioned into the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (KOYLI) — a choice made because his father had neglected to put him down for the family regiment in time. He was transferred to the 60th Rifles 11 years later.

But he spent most of his career on secondment anyway. He served with the SDF between 1939 and 1947, acquiring a sound working knowledge of Arabic. He served with it throughout North Africa, including Tobruk, and was an acting brigadier at the end of the second world war. He then returned to Ethiopia in 1946, this time operating against bandits in Eritrea. His reward was the Gold Cross of the Emperor Haile Selassie.

Two years later he was with the 60th Rifles in Palestine where he also acted as military adviser to the United Nations mediators, Count Bernadotte and Dr Ralph Bunche. He was attached to the British embassy in Cairo, then served with the British military mission to Ethiopia, stationed in Ogaden province. He was made second in command of the First Battalion of the 60th Rifles in the British Army of the Rhine in 1951, moving to the Kenya Regiment in the following year. On leaving Kenya he was put in charge of the British military mission to Libya and retired from the Army in 1960 as a full colonel.

Campbell became chairman of the Anglo-Sudanese Society in his retirement. In 1964 he was invited to research the historical background, including the weapons and uniforms, for the film *Khartoum*, which starred Charlton Heston as General Gordon and Laurence Olivier as the Mahdi. Campbell did all the sketches himself. He also wrote *The Charging Buffalo*, a readable history of the Kenya Regiment which was published seven years ago. His other interests included sport and heraldry and he belonged to a number of clubs, the Special Forces Club in London among them.

He disliked bureaucracy and pomposity. His philosophy when commanding in the field was to act first and argue about it afterwards. He made himself accessible to all ranks, inviting their views, and had a keen sense of humour — which he often needed.

He married the actress and singer Lizbeth Webb who starred in the musical *Guys and Dolls*. He is survived by her and by their two sons, the elder of whom, Lachlan, now assumes the baronetcy. The younger son, Rory, has inherited his mother's theatrical talent and is currently appearing in *Cats* on the London stage.

JOYCE HABER

Joyce Haber, one of the last of Hollywood's powerful gossip columnists, died of kidney and liver failure in Los Angeles on July 29, aged 60. She was born in New York City on December 28, 1932.

IN THE tradition of Hedda Hopper, whom she succeeded as a columnist for the *Los Angeles Times* in 1968, Joyce Haber wielded her typewriter to make and break careers in Hollywood.

Time magazine, where she had begun her journalistic career as a researcher from 1953 to 1963, once labelled her "Hollywood's No. 1 voyeur." She was, said the article, "more intelligent, more accurate — and often more malicious — than her predecessor".

The accusation was well founded. Haber had a cruel touch, once describing Melina Mercouri as having "wall-to-wall hips, an ear-to-ear smile, and more teeth than a pretzel has salt".

Julie Andrews, she wrote, had "a kind of flowering dullness about her" to which the actress retorted that Haber "needs open heart surgery, and they should go in through her feet".

But it was Haber's "blind" items, using the initials of her targets to protect herself against legal retaliation, which proved most deadly.

The most notorious example came in 1970, when she wrote about "the baby Miss A is expecting." "Papa," the column went on, "is said to be a rather prominent Black Panther". "Miss A" was identified three months later by *Newsweek* as the actress Jean Seberg, against whom the Federal Bureau of Investigation under J. Edgar Hoover had plotted to plant the rumour in order to discredit radical causes she supported.

On reading the story, Seberg went into premature labour and lost her baby. She and her husband, French novelist Romain Gary, sued *Newsweek* and settled for several thousand dollars, but she became despondent and made several suicide attempts on the anniversary of the baby's death. Seberg finally killed herself in 1979, and Gary followed suit a year later.

Haber always denied knowledge of FBI involvement in the affair, saying that the report was based on a letter given to her by an editor whom she refused to name.

A child of the movie industry, having acted in three "Our Gang" features at the age of six, Haber received an expensive education at Brearley School, Bryn Mawr and Barnard College. She worked briefly in summer stock theatre, as a political campaign aide and in an advertising agency before turning to journalism. In 1976 she retired as a columnist to write *The Users*, a best-selling novel centred on the exploits of some 70 real and fictional Hollywood characters.

Jean Seberg and her husband Romain Gary, top, who both committed suicide, were among the victims of the columnist Joyce Haber, right

The allegations in the book were said to have disturbed even some of her friends and sources. She subsequently worked as a freelance writer, contributing articles to many leading American magazines.

Joyce Haber was divorced in 1972 after six years of marriage. She is survived by one son and one daughter.

ALFRED MANESSIER

Alfred Manessier, French abstract artist, died in Orleans, from injuries suffered in a car accident, on August 1 aged 81. He was born at Saint-Ouen, Somme, on December 5, 1911.

THE turning point in the life of Alfred Manessier, whose postwar work was influenced by religious themes, was a short retreat he spent in a Trappist monastery in the French countryside in 1943 with the poet Camille Bourniquet. Until then, he had passed through Cubist and Surrealist periods and been anti-religious in the manner of other artists influenced by the prewar socialist, popular front period of government and the anti-fascist movements of the 1930s.

He described his conversion to Roman Catholicism as something that had occurred with "suppleness . . . it gave a certain unity to my work". He remained a prolific abstract painter but many of his canvases came to include religious symbols such as crosses and thorns. One such painting, Couronne d'Epines (Crown of Thorns), is on display at the national Museum of Modern Art at the Beaubourg centre in Paris.

Other creations, particularly his landscapes, became more lyrical, his emotions expressed in a more filtered form. The exceptions were paintings in the 1970s with their strong political as well as religious themes. He was best known for his stained-glass windows in cathedrals and churches.

The son of a merchant, Manessier grew up in Abbeville, north of Paris, and studied architecture in the capital before turning to painting. After the war he became a member of a new Ecole de Paris, less turbulent than the earlier school of Chagall, Mogdiliani, Foujita and Soutine. It numbered Bazaine, Lapicque, Le Moal, Singier and a dozen other artists who evoked the "French tradition" rather than the abstract expressionism that conquered the United States.

His wife Thérèse, whom he married in 1938, was an admirer of Bonnard, while Manessier was a devotee of Picasso. Some critics saw his work as a kind of synthesis of the two masters.

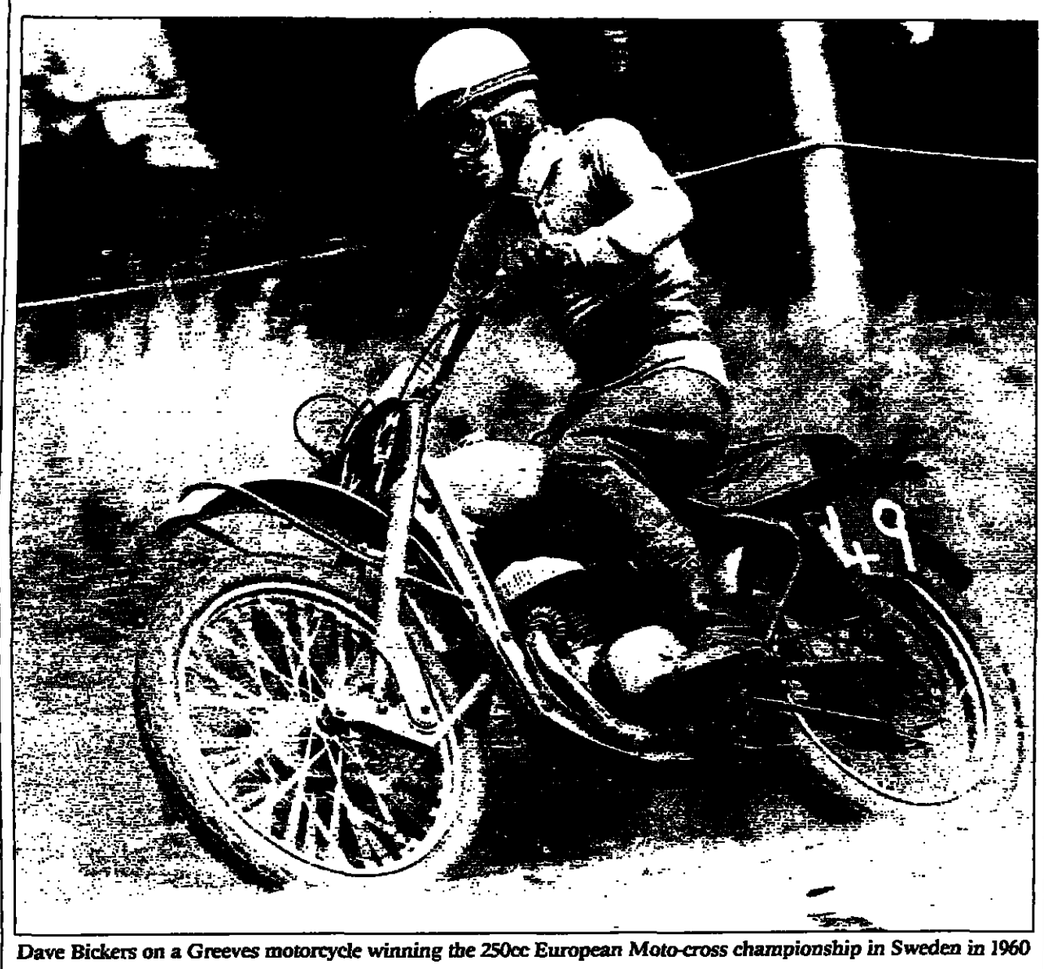
His landscapes, notably of the flat estuary of the River Somme, were painted as if from memory and contained a "spiritual element" in their treatment of light. However, he produced more political works in the 1970s, notably The Trial of Burgos which gave vent to his anger over the executions of Basque separatists by the Franco regime. Other works from this period included Vietnam, Vietnam; September 11, 1973 (the date of the death of the Chilean leader Salvador Allende); and a series of paintings, Favellas (1979-1983) devoted to the poor in the Brazilian slum towns. He explained that he had tried to incorporate the problems of the world into his work.

Manessier's career had periods of eclipse, but he worked constantly on his modern creations in stained glass and was in the forefront of the renaissance of this art form. His windows totalled some 200, notably in the cathedrals of Berlin and Essen, the Tousles-Saints church at Basel, the Breseux church in the Doubs department and the St Pierre-de-Tringuetaille church in Arles.

His talent extended to tapestry and his work in this field decorated the Maison de la Radio in Paris, the French embassy in Washington and the national arts centre in Ottawa. A major retrospective of his work was held at the Grand Palais in Paris last winter.

He is survived by his wife, who was injured in the car crash, a son and a daughter.

OSCAR GREEVES



Dave Bickers on a Greeves motorcycle winning the 250cc European Moto-cross championship in Sweden in 1960

Oscar Bertram Greeves, MBE, engineer, died on July 15 aged 87. He was born on June 6, 1906.

BERT GREEVES was the last surviving founder of a major British motor cycle factory. He was also the inventor of the first petrol-engined invalid car which could be operated with just one arm providing mobility and independence to many disabled people, particularly ex-servicemen after the war.

The eldest of four sons whose father was a pioneer of the chrome tanning process in the leather industry, Greeves was educated at Warwick Grammar School before starting an apprenticeship in the motor industry with Sir Herbert Austin at Longbridge in 1922. He transferred to Heenhan and Froude of Worcester where he gained a widely based engineering training in design and manufacture including experience with dynomometer engine testing equipment.

His cousin, Derek Preston Cobb, who was severely disabled from birth, provided the catalyst and challenge for Greeves to produce an improved invalid car. This was completed in 1942 when Greeves and Cobb formed the company, Invacar Ltd. From 1947 invalid car production gradually increased and throughout the years provided the background of the company when motor cycle production started.

A lifelong motor cycle enthusiast, Greeves had always wanted to build his own machines and by 1953 after three years of development, full production began. In the belief that participation in sport was the best publicity, Greeves machines were soon seen in the trials and moto-cross world and later in road racing. Successes during the 1960s were numerous and spectacular. In 1960 and 1961 D. Bickers won the European Moto-Cross Championship and D. Smith became European Trials Champion on Greeves machines.

In road racing, Greeves machines were winners in the Isle of Man in the Manx Grand Prix of 1964 and 1965. The Greeves rider, W Wilkinson, became the last rider of a British machine to win the long-established Scottish Six Days Trial, the most famous single trial in the world for individual riders.

Based near Southend in Essex the Invacar/Greeves factory was far from the traditional motorcycle trade in the Midlands but the trade was the better for Greeves's independence and individuality. Bert Greeves was appointed MBE in 1972. He married twice and had one daughter.

PROFESSOR CLARENCE ZENER

Clarence M. Zener, Professor of Physics at Carnegie Mellon University, died at his home in Pittsburgh on July 2 aged 87. He was born in Indianapolis in 1905.

IN A career extending over sixty years Dr Zener saw his original work on physics applied in many fields including computer science. He showed early promise of that clarity of mind that was to distinguish all his work.

Graduating from Stanford University, he earned a PhD in physics at Harvard by 1929.

Appointments at various American universities led him to the Westinghouse Electric Corporation as director of research, and subsequently to Texas A&M University as the Dean of Science before he joined Carnegie Mellon in 1968. There he worked until a few months before his death.

Zener's early work in solid state physics led to enormous technical developments. For instance, the Zener Diode is a basic component in modern electronics that had its origin in a paper that Zener wrote in 1934. His work on internal friction in metals opened up new fields of study, and he was to have been a keynote speaker at an international conference on internal friction to be held in Rome in September.

Later he turned his attention to the subject of solar energy and to the possibility of using differences in temperature at ocean depths to produce power at low cost without pollution — a concept that still awaits successful development.

The energy of mind that Zener threw into this and other work seemed undiminished with the years. He retained his sharpness of mind and intellectual curiosity. A passionate interest in mathematics did not conceal the human qualities that endeared him to family, friends and colleagues.

He is survived by his British-born wife Ruby, and by two daughters and two sons.

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THE LATE EARL GUILDFORD

The earl succeeded the celebrated Mr. Charles Townshend as Manager of the House of Commons, and Chancellor of the Exchequer, and in 1770, on the resignation of the Duke of Grafton, was made First Lord of the Treasury.

As a Financier, he stood high, even in the opinion of Opposition — and they were a combination of all the great talents in the kingdom; but fatally wedded to the destructive plan of subduing the republican spirit of the Americans, his administration will not only stand marked in the page of history with an immense waste of public treasure, but it will appear besprinkled with the kindred blood of thousands of British subjects.

To the very last moment he spoke in the Senate, he, however, defended that war, and said he was then as he was formerly, prepared to meet the minutest investigation as to his conduct in that business; which nothing but the unforeseen intervention of France could have prevented from being crowned with success.

He was, indeed, often threatened with impeachment, and Mr. Fox, more than once, pledged himself to God and his country, that he would bring him to the bar of public

ON THIS DAY

August 7 1792

These obituaries have a common theme — the American War of Independence. The second Earl of Guildford, better known as Lord North, was prime minister 1770-82 and presided over the loss of the colonies. The rout of General Burgoyne's army at Saratoga in 1777 contributed to that end.

Justice; but instead of so doing, he formed a coalition of friendship with him, and in the able assistant to Opposition (when Mr. Pitt came into office), the culpability of the fallen Minister was forgotten.

It was here that both the Noble Lord and his coadjuster lost their great political characters. A union so extraordinary, astonished the Public. The Royalists gave up the Ex-minister — the Patriots renounced the Man of the People.

THE LATE GENERAL BURGOYNE

This Gentleman, at an early period, took upon him a military life, and in the administrations of the Duke of Grafton and the late Earl of Guildford, was a warm Partizan of Ministry.

Of his activity as an officer, we have very little in the historic page until he was appointed to a military station in America, where, in 1777, he undertook an expedition in the Northern Provinces, at the head of 4000 of the best of the British troops, and 3000 Germans, with the finest train of artillery that ever accompanied such a body of men.

But such were the natural difficulties he had to encounter and so ill informed was he of the situation and strength of the foe he had to engage with, and the abilities of the Generals (Arnold and Gates) who commanded there; that instead of passable, he found an impassable country; and the enemy he had been taught to despise, fought like veterans, and disputed every inch of ground with him. This disheartened the Indians, who, when they found the prospect of plunder gone, decamped, and left the General to do the best he could without their assistance. The consequence was, the capture of the whole British army, who were obliged to lay down their arms on the 17th of October, 1777, with 35 brass field-pieces, and 7000 stand of arms, with tents, military chest, &c.

NEWS

Shares surge on loans hope

■ Shares closed at an all-time high as expectations grew of lower continental interest rates, which would pave the way for cheaper mortgages and loans at home.

The record-breaking day, which added £6 billion to the value of Britain's publicly quoted companies, fuelled Tory hopes that growing signs of economic recovery will be followed by an upturn in their fortunes ..... **Page 1**

Pope 'delays signing encyclical'

■ The Pope has apparently delayed signing his leaked controversial encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*, due to have been authorised yesterday, until he returns from America later this month. Senior Catholics are speculating that he is having second thoughts on some controversial elements ..... **Page 1**

UN intervention

A United Nations official said it drafted the Bosnian Serb offer to turn over two captured mountains south of Sarajevo to peacekeeping forces, raising questions about the organization's political motives ..... **Pages 1, 9**

No Palacic Park

As Buckingham Palace opens its doors to the public this morning, predictions that it would be London's biggest box office hit of the summer, swamping *Jurassic Park*, appear optimistic **Pages 1, 3**

Thatcher accuses

Alarm bells are ringing through Westminster as Baroness Thatcher prepares to tell all. The producer of a BBC series giving the former prime minister's account of her fall said: "She feels that the behaviour of some of her cabinet colleagues was treachery" ..... **Page 2**

Killer gas heater

A city council was fined £25,000 after its staff installed 800 faulty central heating systems in council homes in a "disastrous" replacement programme that caused the death of a council tenant .. **Page 6**

Bishop quits

The upheaval in the Anglican church over the ordination of women priests has had its first serious impact north of the border with the resignation of a Scottish bishop ..... **Page 8**

Boy thieves dismay

A police decision to caution schoolboys who stole mountain bikes worth £20,000 prompted calls from MPs for tougher penalties and a review of cautioning practices ..... **Page 5**

Epilepsy discovery

Researchers have produced a treatment that will improve immeasurably the lives of severe epilepsy sufferers ..... **Page 8**

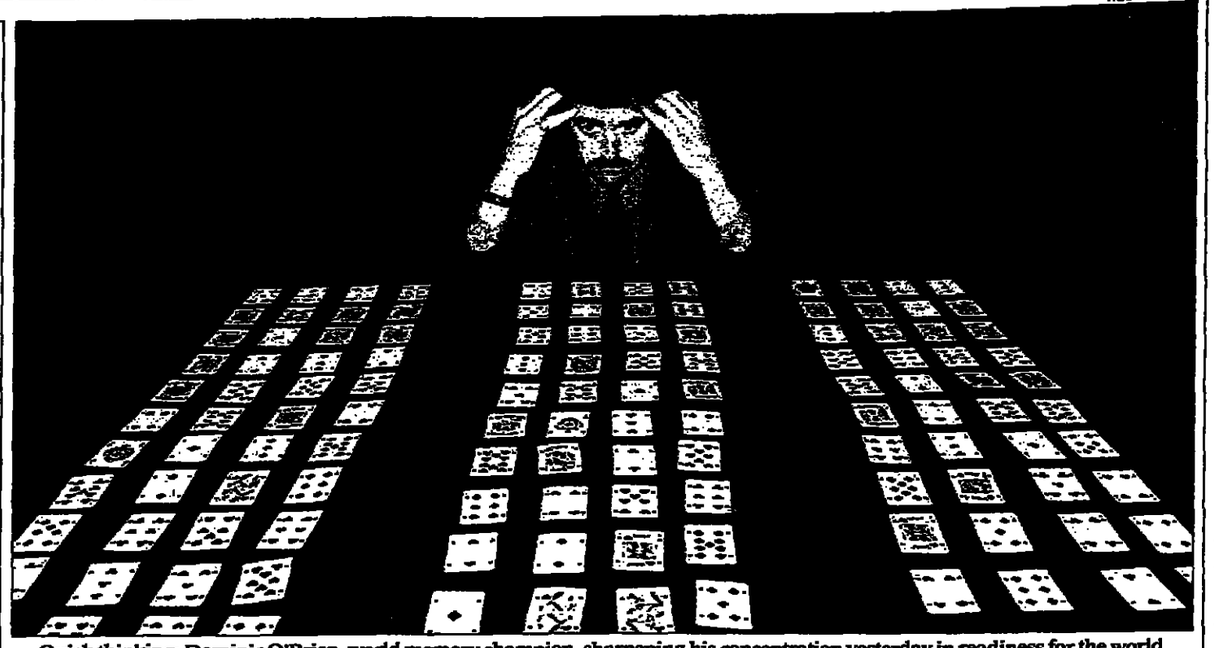
Tribal warfare

Kenya's opposition MPs called on the United Nations to put a stop to tribal warfare that has left 900 people dead and made 130,000 homeless ..... **Page 10**

Paying guests is game of the names

■ On the day Buckingham Palace opens its doors, hard-pressed Lloyds names are clamouring to cash in on a good idea. For as little as £50 a night, wide-eyed Australians and slightly snobbish Dutch housewives can sit at the dinner table with the famous if not necessarily rich ..... **Page 1**

ROBIN MAYES



Quick thinking: Dominic O'Brien, world memory champion, sharpening his concentration yesterday in readiness for the world championships in London today and tomorrow. He can memorise a shuffled pack of cards in 55.4 seconds. Page 2

BUSINESS

Talks off: Thorn EMI's sale of its defence business to GEC is off after talks broke down. Analysts believe the companies failed to agree on price, despite pressure to rationalise the defence industry ..... **Page 17**

High stakes: the casino Crockford's is set for a spin on the stockmarket through a reverse takeover of TV-am, the television group that lost its franchise last year ..... **Page 17**

Make and break: the number of manufacturing company failures is continuing to rise, even though the overall number of companies going to the wall is falling, casting doubt on the government's claims that recovery has begun ..... **Page 18**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index closed at a record 2969.8, up 26.4. The pound fell from 81.5 to 81.2, measured by the trade-weighted index, reflecting a fall from $1.4937 to $1.4913 and from DM2.5639 to DM2.5422 ..... **Page 20**

SPORT

Cricket: Twins Mark and Steve Waugh put on 153 for the fifth wicket as Australia reached 258 for 5 on the second day of the fifth Test match at Edgbaston, leaving England a slender first innings lead of 18 ..... **Page 32**

Swimming: Nick Gillingham won Britain's first gold medal of the European championships in Sheffield with victory in the 200 metres breaststroke, his second successful defence of the title that he first took in 1989 ..... **Pages 28, 32**

Golf: Ian Woosnam, without a victory this year, rediscovered his putting touch to take a one-shot lead in the BMW International Open in Munich ..... **Page 27**

Football: Arsenal and Manchester United meet at Wembley in the Charity Shield, the traditional curtain-raiser to a new season, with both managers pledging to go all out for victory ..... **Page 30**

WEEKEND

George's top table: As the first tourists queue for Buckingham Palace, Michael Hall explains how rivalry with Napoleon spurred George IV to create this treasure house ..... **Page 1**

Holidays: A rare English hotel that positively welcomes children and a Cotswold weekend break with something for everyone ..... **Page 2**

After dark: Too young to tango, too old to rave? Take your partner for a sexy French dance ..... **Page 8**

ARTS

Et tu, Benedict? In the new Stratford production of *Julius Caesar*, the audience — including Benedict Nightingale — is encouraged to participate. "The lynching of Cinna might be an ugly riot on a London estate" ..... **Weekend page 19**

Real time: on video, the celebrated TV production of *Tosca* at the Rome locations and times specified by Puccini ..... **Weekend page 19**

MAGAZINE

The spy who came out: Stella Rimington has been dragged onto the public stage, but that does not make our secret services any less secret. John le Carré examines a high profile sham ..... **Page 10**

Out to lunch: Martin Parr's picnic photographs capture the British at their worst as they scrabble for strawberries or the ketchup bottle ..... **Page 22**

Super Mario: the Peruvian novelist Vargas Llosa talks about his political failures and literary dreams ..... **Page 16**

Gay days: Ben Macintyre visits Fire Island, the summer resort of New York's homosexual community ..... **Page 21**

Classical quarry: Norman Hammond on how new marble-dating methods are rebuilding the ancient world ..... **Page 33**

Fashion retreats into Buddhist colours ..... **Page 26**

TV LISTINGS

Television's new Cornish detective (Jack Shepherd) investigates the murder of a bookseller (*Wycliffe ... and the Cycle of Death*, ITV 9.50pm) ..... **Weekend page 20**

OPINION

Sharing the peace

Mr Mandela exercised that leadership when he told his followers that they shared responsibility for the violence. It would be a tragic error for Mr de Klerk to refuse to match him in courage ..... **Page 13**

Labour in the dark

The intellectual opposition to the government on Europe comes from within the ruling party, not from Labour ..... **Page 13**

Fringe benefits

When culture in Britain seems synonymous with squabbles about money, the Fringe offers a glorious reminder that the arts can simply be terrific fun ..... **Page 13**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

Some 25,000 British Gibraltarians live on a hunk of stone, and do no harm, and their only wish is to remain British Gibraltarians; but they are harassed and abused and denounced ..... **Page 12**

SIMON JENKINS

From Devon to Shropshire, *de facto* new villages and towns are springing up. Caravans and trailers, often set on concrete bases with water, electricity and sewerage, do not require normal planning permission ..... **Page 12**

LETTERS

Women discuss their treatment by the medical profession ..... **Page 13**

LEADERS

It's only proper that [doubts on John Demjanjuk's citizenship] be aired and if possible disposed of — not to further Mr Demjanjuk's well-being but to clarify a case that touches the century's most painful memories *Washington Post*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,303

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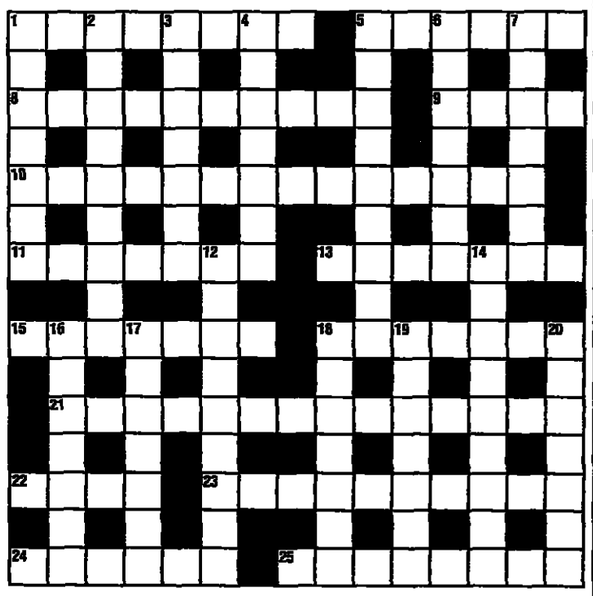

ACROSS

1 In religious house, it's a matter of urgency (8).
5 Put a sort of roof on church as indicated (6).
8 Hard-headed repetition of refusal and various points (2-8).
9 Saint before his initial conversion (4).
10 Book one shouldn't examine in present circumstances (3,6,5).
11 Curb concerning journalists (7).
13 Leaders of writers — or vice versa (7).
15 Sticks with a major Shavian role (7).
18 Protective cover for intelligence operations (7).
21 Work in factory a duty for priest? (4-10).
22 Farm labourer cut flower (4).
23 Error in a key position in church (10).
24 Putting forward petition when monarch appears (6).
25 Stale loaf and fish (8).

DOWN

1 Wit of a sort that's better, without a trace of sarcasm (7).
2 In private, observe host (3-6).
3 San Remo — just the resort for this writer (7).
4 Flies second in six going up (7).
5 Met horrid characters in period of French Revolution (9).
6 A sailor's sounding offensive (7).
7 Listen to chest for such a patient? (7).
12 Lad has to gut fish (9).
14 One serving American in fancy launch (9).
16 Futile article I am having shortened? Not so! (7).
17 Dog in abject state I found (7).
18 Will supplement fish here in French lake? (7).
19 Teller can give details of this (7).
20 Played foolishly, discarding king? That's rich! (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,297

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WEATHER

Cloud and rain over Scotland and Northern Ireland clearing from the west in the morning, followed by sunny intervals and showers. Central and southeast England will be dry at first with sunny intervals, but cloud and rain over Wales and northern England will spread southeast, becoming showery. Temperatures near normal. Outlook: mainly dry in the south at first. Then changeable with rain or showers in all regions. Cool.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Alaccio	28	82	s	Madrid	33	91	f
Alndrf	31	88	s	Majorca	32	90	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malaga	31	88	s
Algiers	33	91	s	Malta	34	93	s
Amst'dm	19	66	c	Melb'rne	12	54	s
Athens	33	91	s	Mexico C	18	64	f
Bahrain	39	102	s	Miami	32	90	s
Bangkok	33	91	t	Milan	32	90	s
Barbados	30	86	f	Montreal	19	66	f
Barcelona	28	82	f	Moscow	23	73	f
Beirut	29	84	f	Munich	25	77	s
Belgrade	33	91	s	Nairobi	24	75	s
Berlin	21	70	c	Naples	31	88	s
Bermuda	30	86	f	N Delhi	29	84	f
Biarritz	23	73	f	N York	26	79	c
Border'x	28	79	s	Nice	27	81	s
Brussels	21	70	c	Oslo	20	68	s
Budapst	33	91	s	Paris	23	73	r
B Aires	16	61	s	Peking	29	84	s
Cairo	35	95	s	Perth	12	54	r
Cape Tn	15	59	s	Prague	23	73	f
Chicago	22	72	f	Reykjavik	12	54	r
Ch'church	10	50	s	Rhodes	30	86	s
Cologne	25	77	s	Rio de J	26	79	f
C'phagn	19	66	f	Riyadh	43	109	s
Corfu	34	93	s	Rome	29	84	s
Dublin	18	61	s	Salzburg	28	82	s
Dubrovnik	33	91	s	S F'isco	18	64	c
Faro	30	86	f	Santiago	11	52	c
Florence	32	90	s	S Paulo	23	73	s
Frankfurt	26	79	s	Seoul	27	81	f
Funchal	23	73	f	Sing'por	32	90	s
Geneva	30	86	s	St'kholm	20	68	f
Gibraltar	27	81	f	Strasb'rg	27	81	f
Helsinki	21	70	f	Sydney	13	55	f
Hong K	32	90	s	Tangier	34	93	s
Innsbrck	27	81	s	Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Istanbul	28	82	f	Tenerife	25	77	s
Jeddah	39	102	s	Tokyo	24	75	c
Jo'burg	21	70	s	Toronto	22	72	f
L Palmas	25	77	s	Tunis	37	99	s
Le Tquet	17	63	f	Valencia	34	93	s
Lisbon	28	79	c	Vanc'ver	25	77	s
Locarno	27	81	s	Venice	30	86	s
L Angels	23	73	s	Vienna	30	86	s
Luxembg	25	77	f	Warsaw	27	81	s
Luxor	39	102	s	Wash'ton	28	82	f
				Wel'ngton	10	50	s
				Zurich	27	81	s

* denotes figures are latest available

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.08 pm to 5.03 am
Bristol 9.18 pm to 5.13 am
Edinburgh 9.38 pm to 4.58 am
Manchester 9.24 pm to 5.04 am
Penzance 9.25 pm to 5.30 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 5.33 am — Sun sets: 8.38 pm
Moon rises 9.55 pm — Moon sets 11.04 am
Last quarter August 10

London 9.07 pm to 5.05 am
Bristol 9.16 pm to 5.15 am
Edinburgh 9.36 pm to 5.00 am
Manchester 9.22 pm to 5.06 am
Penzance 9.24 pm to 5.31 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 5.35 am — Sun sets: 8.37 pm
Moon rises 10.18 pm — Moon sets 12.10 pm
Last quarter August 10

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.2	0.05	14	57	drizzle
Anglesey	11.0	0.06	19	66	sunny
Aviemore	1.0	0.17	16	61	cloudy
Belfast	10.5	0.17	18	64	sunny
Birmingham	8.7	0.13	17	63	bright
Bognor Regis	7.4	0.08	21	70	sunny
Bournemouth	7.3	0.06	20	68	sunny
Bristol	11.0	0.17	19	66	sunny
Buxton	0.5	0.72	11	52	shower
Cardiff	11.0	0.02	18	64	sunny
Clacton	4.8	0.04	19	66	sunny
Colwyn Bay	5.1	0.56	16	61	bright
Cromer	4.7	0.30	18	64	shower
Eastbourne	5.3	0.08	19	66	sunny
Edinburgh	0.3	0.76	17	63	shower
Eskdalemuir	1.8	0.31	16	61	shower
Exmouth	8.0	0.03	18	64	sunny
Falmouth	10.3	0.02	19	66	sunny
Folkestone	4.4	0.05	21	70	sunny
Glasgow	9.4	0.55	19	66	sunny
Guernsey	8.2	0.05	20	68	sunny
Hastings	3.3	0.09	20	68	bright
Hunstanton	5.2	0.54	17	63	rain
Isle of Man	10.0	0.04	17	63	sunny
Jersey	8.1	0.16	19	66	sunny
Kinloss	1.0	0.02	15	59	drizzle
Leeds	1.8	1.17	17	63	rain
Lerwick	2.3	-	15	59	cloudy
Littlehampton	8.2	0.07	21	70	sunny
Liverpool	1.0	0.71	14	57	shower
London	7.0	0.04	19	66	bright
Lowestoft	5.9	0.04	19	66	sunny
Manchester	0.6	0.88	14	57	shower
Margate	4.9	0.01	20	68	bright
Morecambe	0.3	0.24	16	61	rain
Newcastle	0.1	1.55	15	59	rain
Newquay	10.5	-	16	61	sunny
Nottingham	4.3	0.09	15	59	shower
Penzance	10.2	-	19	66	sunny
Plymouth	8.7	0.09	18	64	sunny
Salcombe	9.9	0.09	20	68	sunny
Sandown	6.0	0.07	20	68	sunny
Saunton Snd	8.7	0.03	17	63	sunny
Scarborough	0.1	1.87	12	54	thundr
Scilly Isles	10.9	-	18	64	sunny
Shanklin	8.7	0.09	19	66	sunny
Southend	6.3	0.02	20	68	bright
Southsea	6.1	-	21	70	sunny
Stornoway	2.1	-	15	59	cloudy
Swanage	8.4	0.08	19	66	sunny
Tenby	10.0	-	17	63	sunny
Tiree	11.5	-	15	59	sunny
Torquay	7.1	0.13	20	68	shower
Wick	0.1	-	14	57	drizzle

These are Thursday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.08
Austria Sch	19.00	17.50
Belgium Fr	56.95	52.55
Canada $	2.05	1.89
Cyprus CypE	0.798	0.748
Denmark Kr	10.70	9.90
Finland Mrk	9.25	8.45
France Fr	9.38	8.66
Germany Dm	2.70	2.49
Greece Dr	371.00	346.00
Hong Kong $	12.23	11.28
Ireland Pt	1.11	1.03
Italy Lira	2495.00	2340.00
Japan Yen	175.00	155.50
Netherlands Gld	3.04	2.81
Norway Kr	11.51	10.61
Portugal Esc	270.00	251.00
South Africa Rd	5.80	4.90
Spain Pta	215.00	201.00
Sweden Kr	12.55	11.75
Switzerland Fr	2.38	2.20
Turkey Lira	17700	16700
USA $	1.59	1.46

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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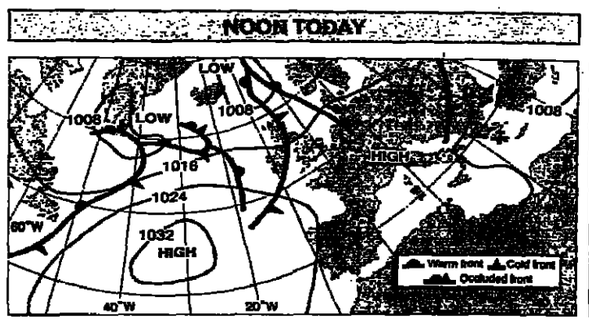

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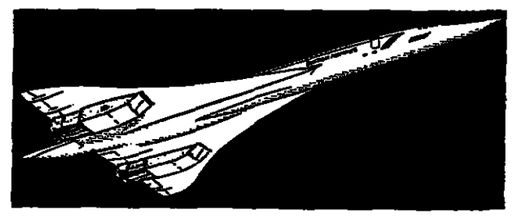

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THE POUND

US $	1.4913 (-0.0024)
German mark	2.5422 (-0.0217)
Exchange index	81.2 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2969.8 (+26.4)
Dow Jones	3554.56 (+5.59)*
Nikkei Avge	20357.94 (-67.70)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	5⅞-5⅝%
US Federal Funds	2¹⁵/₁₆% *
3-month Treas Bills	3.04-3.02% *
Long Bond	6.55% *

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4980*	£:$	1.4945
$:DM	1.6975*	£:DM	2.5473
$:SWfr	1.5005*	£:SWfr	2.2507
$:Ffr	5.9338*	£:Ffr	8.8920
$:Yen	104.44*	£:Yen	156.26
£:SDR	1.0725	£:ECU	1.3222

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 381.90 - PM 379.40
Close 379.50-380.50
New York
Comex 374.15-374.65*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.0 June (1.2%)
* Denotes midday trading price

GEC-Thorn defence talks break down

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

■ Britain's defence business needs rationalising because of spending cuts after the Cold War, but talks between GEC and Thorn EMI have ended

TALKS aimed at a £160 million takeover of Thorn EMI's defence business by GEC have broken down. Analysts believe the companies failed to agree a price, despite the pressures for rationalisation of Britain's defence industry to match falling government spending in the post Cold War era.

Trade unions expressed no relief, even though GEC had acknowledged that a merger might cost the jobs of up to 500 of the 4,300 workers in the Thorn business. Larry Brooke, national officer for the MSF technical union which represents many employees, said union officials would be seeking an early meeting with Thorn EMI to discover its plans for the business. "Our concern is for the future of Thorn EMI defence systems with or without the involvement of GEC," he said.

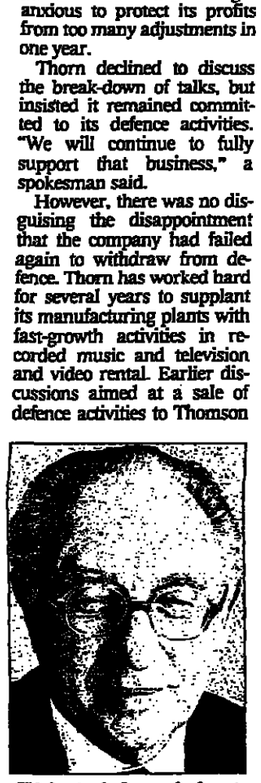
The breakdown of talks was announced yesterday afternoon, almost a month after *The Times* revealed that a tentative deal had been struck. "Discussions have proved inconclusive and, therefore, have now been brought to a close," Thorn said in a statement to the stock exchange. GEC declined to comment.

In the City, however, analysts took the view that in his search for a bargain, Lord Weinstock, GEC managing director, had simply pushed Sir Colin Southgate, Thorn's chairman, too hard. Tressan MacCarthy, of Panmure Gordon, said: "I think it must have been a matter of price. Thorn might want to sell, but they are not desperate, especially since if they had sold for less than net assets they would have had to have a goodwill write-down."

With a £43 million write-down already in prospect arising from the £150 million sale of its lighting business last month, Thorn was thought anxious to protect its profits from too many adjustments in one year.

Thorn declined to discuss the break-down of talks, but insisted it remained committed to its defence activities. "We will continue to fully support that business," a spokesman said.

However, there was no disguising the disappointment that the company had failed again to withdraw from defence. Thorn has worked hard for several years to supplant its manufacturing plants with fast-growth activities in recorded music and television and video rental. Earlier discussions aimed at a sale of defence activities to Thomson CSF, of France, also came to nothing.



Weinstock: bargain hunt

Thorn bosses are well aware that their public lack of commitment to development of the defence arm, which includes a stake in Babcock Thorn, the company that manages Rosyth Royal Dockyard, is likely to undermine its efforts to win new business.

For now, at least, the order book is strong. Defence forms the bulk of Thorn's Security and Electronics subsidiary, which has annual sales of £425 million. Last year, the business had to write off some £10 million, but analysts estimate that underlying profits in the defence side amount to around £13 million a year.

Thorn has some attractive contracts with the MoD, thanks to its expertise in electronic warfare, battlefield and aircraft radar, electro-optics and fuses for ordnance. Activities are concentrated in west London and at Rugeley, Staffordshire: Crawley, Sussex, and Wells, Somerset.

When *The Times* first revealed that talks between the two companies were at an advanced stage, a GEC spokesman warned of difficulties in reaching an agreement, insisting that Sir Colin Southgate, was "a tough cookie," who would "have his pound of flesh". That assessment proved accurate. But Lord Weinstock, too, has once again demonstrated that his unwillingness to overpay takes precedence over his ambition to create a dominant integrated defence business in Britain.

TED DITCHBURN

Dipping deep: Henry Roberts, chief executive of Northumbrian Fine Foods, is making a £785,000 cash call to promote Dunkers, a new biscuit brand. page 18

Barclays AA credit rating at risk

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

BARCLAYS Bank's AA rating for participating in long-term structured transactions, such as US government bonds, is at risk after it revealed a £700 million increase in potential problem loans.

Fitch Investors Service, the American credit rating agency, said it has put Barclays' AA long-term rating under review "with negative implications".

The move comes after Barclays disclosed that the value of potential problem loans, for which provisions have not been made, increased by £700 million to £2.7 billion at the end of June compared with the end of the first half of 1992. The information was provided in accordance with US Securities and Exchange Commission guidelines.

Barclays also revealed that non-performing assets, excluding these potential problem loans, rose to £7.7 billion, or 8.02 per cent of loans, compared with £6.4 billion, or 7 per cent of loans in June 1992.

Ricardo Kleinbaum, a senior vice president at Fitch, said he expects "continued loan quality pressures" in Barclays' loan portfolio and warned "the burden of addressing loan quality problems may limit the bank's competitive position and responsiveness to an economic upturn". He went on: "The bank's ability to grow in a consolidating bank market could also be hindered given small business loan problems and longer term work outs of property credits."

The AA ratings of two US municiple bond issues backed by Barclays letters of credit have also been put on alert.

Oliver Stocken, Barclays' finance director, said Barclays hopes to be able to explain to Fitch that the ratios of provisions to bad and potential problem debts had improved.

Sterling falls against mark

By Colin Narbrough

THE pound fell sharply against the advancing mark amid market talk that continental central banks were seeking to rebuild their depleted reserves of the German currency by selling sterling and dollars. A big sale of pounds by a Middle Eastern holder also contributed to *sterling's fall*.

At the official London close at 4 pm, the pound was more than two pfennigs down from Thursday at DM2.5422. That helped to push sterling's trade-weighted index down 0.3 to 81.2. Earlier, the pound had been about three pfennigs weaker than the previous close. Against the dollar, the pound was only slightly weaker. Prospects of lower interest rates are driving investors into shares. The FT-SE 100 index closed at an all-time high, up 26.4 at 2,969.8. But the shake-out on the gold market continued. Gold, which on Monday traded at $409 an ounce in the Far East, plunged by $13.25 to $374 in London under the weight of a fresh wave of selling in New York. The late sell-off took London dealers by surprise, and left gold $35 down on the week.

Richard Berzie, currency analyst at UBS, said central banks' sales of sterling were a plausible explanation for the currency's weakness. But the pound had been suffering from the abatement of tension after last weekend's effective *suspension of the European* exchange-rate mechanism.

The franc, the main target of the market assault that forced the widening of the ERM fluctuation bands for most member currencies, lost more than two centimes to end at 3.4921 to the mark. The Banque de France yesterday made a very cautious start towards easier money, reopening its five-ten day repurchase rate for banks, which had been suspended on July 22 to discourage speculation against the franc.

The worst July unemployment western Germany has seen for eight years failed to prevent buoyancy on the Frankfurt exchange; the Dax index ended 8.68 higher at 1,869.38, its highest close this year. The advance reflected hopes that the Bundesbank will be forced to lower interest rates again soon to prevent further deterioration in the domestic economy.

Germany's federal labour office said that the number of unemployed in western Germany last month was 2.33 million, a rise of 27 per cent since July last year. This pushed unemployment up to 7.5 per cent of the workforce, from 7 per cent in June and 6 per cent in July 1992. The figure is expected to peak at more than 9 per cent next winter.

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Crockfords reverses into TV-am

By Susan Gilchrist

CROCKFORDS, one of Britain's most renowned casinos and haunt of the rich and famous, is set to make its stock market debut through a reverse takeover of TV-am, the television broadcaster that lost its franchise last year.

Garry Nesbitt, Crockfords chairman and former founder of Our Price records, believes it is an ideal time for the company to try its luck on the stock market gaming tables. "The new issues market is perking up and we have a good story to tell," he said.

Since acquiring the casino from Brent Walker in a £50 million venture capital-backed buyout in 1989, Mr Nesbitt has turned it round by taking it upmarket. "You have got to be at the top end of the market — it's the only place where serious money is made," he says. The company made an operating profit of £19.8 million last year and is on course to surpass that figure in the current year.

DENZIL McNEELANCE

New game: Garry Nesbitt, Crockfords chairman

Crockfords, based in London's Mayfair, has been untouched by the British recession. "Make no mistake about it, this is an export market," Mr Nesbitt said. "What happens here does not affect our business. As long as there is someone somewhere in the world making money, and providing they come to London, we will do well."

Mr Nesbitt's aspirations are not confined to these shores alone. He hopes flotation will enable the company to finance acquisitions both in London and elsewhere in Europe. "We want to create a pure gaming company," he says. "We are not going to go into bowling alleys or discos."

Although he never gambles — "I don't bother, I never win" — he is no stranger to the gambling scene. He started as a valet at Crockfords in 1961 cleaning tables and handing chocolates to clients, and later joined Grand Metropolitan where he rose to chief executive of the gaming division.

The deal, which TV-am said would provide shareholders "with an exciting new business as an alternative to liquidation", values Crockfords at £64.1 million. It is accompanied by nine-for-two rights issue at 90p a share which will raise £50.1 million. Of this, £39.9 million will be paid to the backers of the 1989 buyout. The new group will change its name to to Crockfords and move from the USM to a full listing.

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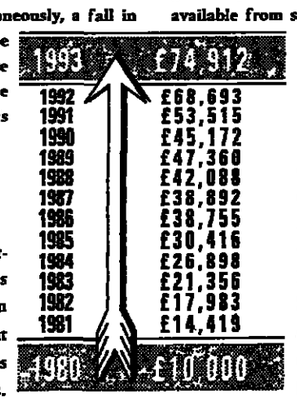

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GUINNESS FLIGHT

Manufacturing failures still rising

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

■ Encouraging overall figures on insolvencies hide a disturbing trend in manufacturing, heightening fears that recovery in industry is still some way off

FAILURES of manufacturing companies are continuing to rise, even though the total of all types of companies going to the wall is falling, according to government figures.

The manufacturing failures cast further doubt on the government's claims that the recession is over and recovery is under way, and, in particular, suggest that employment in manufacturing is likely to continue to fall, pushing against the downward trend in unemployment over the past five months. Ministers are hoping that unemployment figures to be announced next week will take the decline to a six-month run.

Figures from the Department of Trade and Industry, published for it by the British Chambers of Commerce, showed that, after a sharp increase in the final quarter of last year, company insolvencies in manufacturing industry — on an unadjusted basis — rose again, from 1,420 to 1,449, continuing a trend that ran throughout last year.

However, at the same time, the overall number of insolvencies continued to fall. Company insolvencies for England and Wales fell again in the second quarter of this year — the overall figures run ahead of the disaggregated totals covering specific sectors such as manufacturing — from 5,705 to 5,195. This is an 8.9 per cent drop, or a 12 per cent down on the same period a year ago, and marks the third consecutive quarterly fall in the number of companies going out of business.

For the 12 months to the end of June 1993, the total number of companies folding was 23,628, representing 2.6 per cent of the number of active companies, or 2.2 per cent of the total of registered companies.

Some insolvency specialists believe that the reduction in failures is stemming from the weakness of the recovery, and that, if the economy picks up properly, the number of failures will actually rise as entrepreneurs try to fail in order to set up new businesses.

Individual insolvencies also fell sharply, with the number of individuals going bust declining by 15.3 per cent, from 10,233 in the first quarter to 8,663 in the three months to June.

However, the second quarter figure was only marginally better — by 1.9 per cent — than the same period last year.

Richard Brown, the chambers' deputy director general, said that falling levels of insolvency would be good for business, employee and consumer confidence and would ease both the decline in capacity and the burden of bad debt on business.

However, Mr Brown said: "The good overall figures hide a disturbing trend in the manufacturing sector. The number of manufacturing company insolvencies continued to rise, and there has to be concern over the persistent shrinkage of the UK's manufacturing base."

He said: "It takes years to build up a manufacturing company, but only weeks to shut it down."

The DTI's figures are drawn from administrative records of the department's insolvency service and from Companies House.

Chief ousted after 35 years with Kodak

From Philip Robinson in New York

EASTMAN Kodak ousted its chairman and chief executive yesterday and paved the way for a large and rapid restructuring of the troubled film, chemical and drug group, which could cut 20,000 jobs over the next two years.

Kodak's independent directors said they had decided to replace Kay Whitmore, 60, as chairman, chief executive and president of the firm and had asked an executive search firm to find a replacement. Mr Whitmore, who will stay until a replacement is found, has spent his entire 35-year career with Kodak and has led the group for three years.

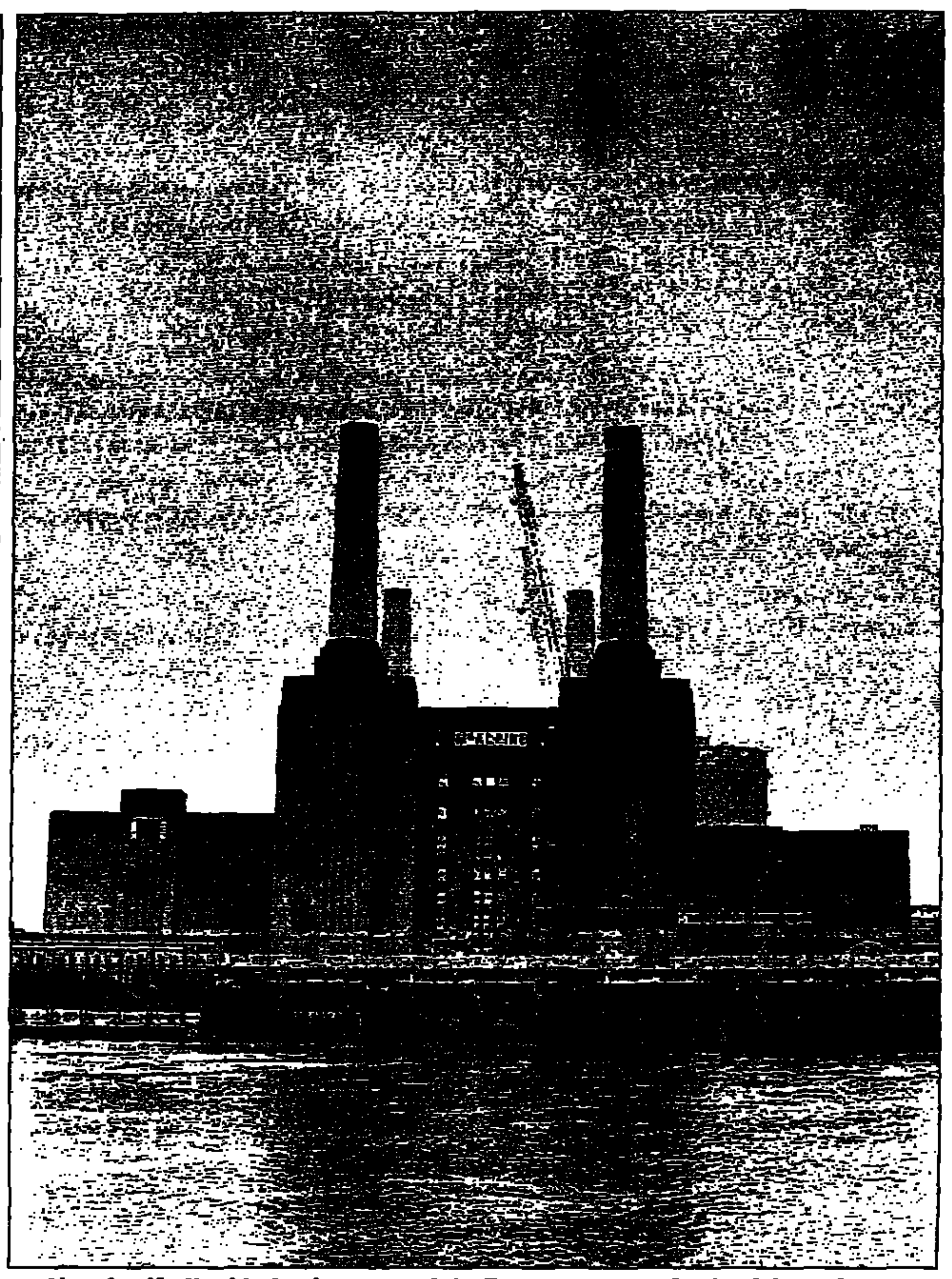
The independent directors said: "We believe there is a clear need to move faster and further on operating cost efficiencies and enhancing earnings." After a delay, Kodak shares jumped $3.625 to a peak for the year of $58.75. Alex Henderson, an analyst at Prudential Securities, said: "This is the best news to have hit the tapes on Eastman Kodak in ten years.

"There was no doubt in my mind that Kay Whitmore did not have the resolve or stomach to make the tough decisions and with him gone, you have basically got 24 months of continuous staff cuts. They are going to do the programme Whitmore would have delivered and then another guy's going to come in and he's going to deliver another new programme."

Mr Whitmore's departure follows a series of shock waves for Kodak. It lost almost $1.65 billion in the first half of this year. Christopher Steffen left in April after just 11 weeks as finance director and Mr Whitmore faced a hostile reception of institutions just three weeks ago.

Mr Steffen is understood to have resigned after a clash with Mr Whitmore over the speed and manner of changes needed at Kodak. Mr Steffen is understood to have wanted 10,000-15,000 jobs cut, which would have troubled Mr Whitmore, a devout Mormon. Job cuts expected now would amount to about 15 per cent of the workforce. The group plans to spin off its specialist chemical company and Wall Street expects the sale of its Sterling Winthrop drug company.

But while John Phelan, former New York Stock Exchange chairman and a leading independent Kodak director denied Sterling would be up for sale, analysts regarded it as a holding statement until a new chairman is appointed. Wall Street says Kodak has still to address the fundamental problem of competition in the films market.


Site of strife: liquidation is set to end the Battersea Power Station leisure dream

Battersea's debt cloud to be lifted

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

BATTERSEA Leisure, the company created by John Broome to develop London's Battersea Power Station, is to be put into receivership, ending the dream of the developer of the Alton Towers leisure park to build its equivalent on the banks of the Thames.

Battersea's latest owner, Parkview International, plans a voluntary liquidation paying creditors, including Mr Broome, just 1p in the pound.

The three secured creditors — Parkview, Alfred McAlpine, the builder, and Wandsworth Borough Council — are now thought to be in agreement on giving their necessary approval. Parkview took on the estimated £130 million debt with which the project had been saddled from the Bank of America, formerly the principal lender, for about 8p in the pound. McAlpine is owed £16 million, and Wandsworth £200,000.

The council is thought to be prepared to accept liquidation in return for having the site developed and bringing in rates. McAlpine is thought to have agreed to forgo money spent on the project, in return for future work on the site. The scheme would see administrative receivers called soon.

Parkview, owned by the Hwang brothers, of Hong Kong, has ruled out a leisure centre for the 31-acre site. A mixed project, with houses, offices and a hotel, is likeliest.

WALL STREET

New York — Blue chips rose in mid-morning after a strong opening by Eastman Kodak after news that Kay Whitmore, chief executive, was stepping down. Kodak, the day's most active blue chip, rose 3¼ to 58³/₈. The Dow rose nine points to 3,558.
☐ Tokyo — Shares closed weaker on profit-taking over doubts about the new government's ability to stimulate the economy. The Nikkei average fell 67.7 points to 20,357.94.
☐ Sydney — Shares closed off their lows, after being battered at the open by a slump in the gold price. The all-ordinaries index fell 23.1 to 1,842.2.

	Aug 6 midday	Aug 5 close
AMP Inc	64	64
AMR Corp	64	63
Abbott Labs	24	24
Aetna Life	58	58
Ahmanson (HF)	19	19
Air Prod & Chem	40	40
Albertson's	52	51
Alcan Alumnm	20	20
Alco Standard	45	45
Allied Signal	72	73
Alum Co of Am	72	72
Amax	24	24
Amerada Hess	48	48
Amer Brands	31	31
Amer Cyanamid	51	51
Amer El Power	38	38
Amer Express	33	33
Amer Genl Corp	31	31
Amer Home Pr	61	61
Amer Intl	96	96
Amer Stores	42	42
Amer T & T	62	63
Ameritech	82	82
Amoco	53	53
Anheuser-Busch	46	46
Apple Computer	29	29
Archer Daniels	23	23
Arkla	8	8
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	36	35
Asarco	19	20
Ashland Oil	29	29
Atl Richfield	115	115
Auto Data Pro	50	50
Avery Dennison	27	27
Avon Products	56	56
Baker Hughes	25	26
Baltim Gas & El	26	26
Banc One	53	53
BankAmerica	45	45
Bank of NY	55	55
Bankers Tr NY	78	78
Barnett Banks	47	47
Bausch & Lomb	45	45
Baxter Intl	26	26
Bectn Dicknsn	35	35
Bell Atlantic	57	57
BellSouth	56	56
Black & Decker	20	20
Block (H&R)	36	36
Boeing	38	38
Boise Cascade	20	20
Borden Inc	15	15
Bristol Myrs Sq	52	52
Browning Ferris	23	23
Burlington Nthn	56	56
CBS	239	239
CNA Financial	87	86
CPC Intl	41	41
CSX	75	75
Campbell Soup	36	36
Can Pacific	16	16
Cptl Cities ABC	500	499
Cptl Holdings	43	43
Carolina Pwr	33	33
Caterpillar	79	79
Central & SW	32	32
Champion Intl	33	33
Chase Manhat	33	33
Chemical Bk	42	42
Chevron Corp	84	85
Chrysler	42	42
Chubb Corp	91	91
Cigna Corp	60	60
Citicorp	33	33
Clorox	52	52
Coastal Corp	28	28
Coca Cola	42	43
Colgate-Palmolive	49	49
Columbia Gas	22	21
Commonw Ed	29	30
Compaq Cmp	49	48
Comp Ass Intl	29	29
Conagra	23	23
Cons Edison	36	37
Cons Nat Gas	51	51
Cons Rail	54	55
Cooper Inds	49	49
Corning Inc	32	32
Crown Cork	35	34
Dana Corp	55	55
Dayton Hudson	68	68
Deere	65	65
Delta Air Lines	50	49
Deluxe Corp	36	37
Detroit Edison	35	35
Digital Equip	39	36
Dillard Dept St	37	37
Disney (Walt)	36	36
Dominion Res	47	47
Donnelley (RR)	30	29
Dover Corp	48	48
Dow Chemicals	59	60
Dow Jones	29	30
Dresser	24	24
Duke Power	42	42
Dun & Bradstreet	59	59
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Ethyl Corp	18	18
Exxon	64	64
FMC Corp	48	48
FPL Group	39	39
Federal Express	54	53
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First Chicago	46	45
First Interstate	63	63
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Fleet Finl Grp	33	33
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Ford Motor	51	52
GTE Corp	35	35
Gannett	50	49
Gap Inc Del	29	29
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Gen Mills	60	60
Gen Motors	47	48
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Intl Paper	64	64
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Jhnsn & Jhnsn	37	37
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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Biscuit maker seeks cash to promote new line

NORTHUMBRIAN Fine Foods, the Tyneside-based biscuit and cake manufacturer, is calling on shareholders for £785,000 to fund a television advertising campaign for its new Dunkers biscuit. The 8-for-25 rights issue at 8p a share will also provide working capital to finance the expected increase in sales of the brand, which has shown strong growth since it was launched in April, according to John Gibson, Northumbrian's finance director.

While Mr Gibson believes the future looks promising for the group, the past has been tainted by losses from John J Lees, the Scottish confectionery group sold last February. Lees was responsible for more than £4 million of the £5.7 million pre-tax loss Northumbrian reported yesterday for the year to March 31. The balance was due to trading write-offs and reorganisation costs. The group made a profit of £155,000 last time. Mr Gibson said that, with the disposal of Lees, the group should return to profit this year and had already reported a pre-tax profit in the first quarter. "We have cleared the decks and can now get on with the core business and make money," he said. There is no dividend, but payments will resume when the group returns to profitability. There was an interim dividend of 0.75p in the previous year.

Amber Day shake-up

AMBER Day, the discount retailer, announced a boardroom shake-up yesterday with a new chairman and a new chief executive. The group has been looking for a chief executive since the departure of Philip Green in September. He is replaced by David Thompson, the finance director who has been acting chief executive. In a surprise move, Stacey Ellis, the chairman, was replaced by Peter Carr, a non-executive director and former Debenhams managing director.

Spring Ram shares fall

SHARES in Spring Ram, the bathrooms and kitchens business that has been in play since the price collapsed under the impact of three profit warnings, fell 4p to 69p, after a report that a possible bidder had walked away. Masco, the US group, apparently lost interest, feeling that Spring Ram's share price was still too high. The true situation at Spring Ram will not be known until an examination of the company's finances is published on September 22.

Loan for joint venture

BRITISH Gas and its joint venture partners in KomiArticOil, have secured an $80 million loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to enhance output in existing oilfields in the Komi Republic of Arctic Russia. It is the first foray by British Gas's exploration arm into Siberia. British Gas has also confirmed it is interested in taking a minority stake in gas distribution companies in the Czech Republic, due to sold off in the second round of privatisations.

Bunzl acquires ACS

BUNZL, the paper and packaging business, is paying £16.75 million for ACS, GKN's paper and plastic disposables offshoot. It is funding the deal with a vendor placing of almost 13 million new shares at 129p. Bunzl shares fell 1p to 133p. ACS made operating profits of £2.54 million in the latest financial year, on sales of £42.1 million. Bunzl said it had so far traded strongly in 1993. Analysts say its 1993 pre-tax profits should rise from £45.1 million to about £55 million.

Ladbroke rejection

THE European Commission has rejected a complaint by Ladbroke Racing, the British bookmaker, that the Parie Mutuel Urbain, which controls all off-course horse-race gambling in France, breaches EC competition rules. French law, which otherwise bans gambling, lets the PMU handle off-course betting on horse races. The commission said that Ladbroke's complaint was unfounded and that PMU's task arose from obligations under French law long before the EC.

Plea for VW-GM calm

HEADS of works councils at Volkswagen and at Opel, General Motor's German subsidiary, have demanded that the companies' managements do their utmost to prevent further escalation of a damaging VW-GM dispute while legal authorities examine allegations of dirty tricks. The plea came shortly before a meeting last night of the supervisory board of VW to discuss cost-cutting and the dispute over José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, its production chief poached from GM.

De Morgan still in red

DE MORGAN Group, the property investment and property finance advice business, disclosed pre-tax losses of £258,000 in the year to April 30, against losses of £1.7 million last time. There is again no dividend. Patrick Cooper, chairman, said operating costs had fallen 29 per cent and control of cash flow had reduced net borrowings from £70,000 to £24,000. Activity had improved, but recovery would be restrained by lack of investment property and shortage of finance.

Wholesale Fittings dips

WHOLESALE Fittings, the Essex electrical goods distributor, is holding its total dividend at 11.70p via an 8.47p final, despite a fall in pre-tax profits to £2.02 million (£2.51 million). The company said trading continued to be difficult given sluggish activity in construction and refurbishment. Wholesale Fittings said its market share and sales had improved in the first three months of the current year. In the 12 months to April 30, earnings per share fell to 9.33p (11.34p).

Porth loss deepens

PORTH Group, the Christmas decorations maker where Sir Michael Edwardes, the former head of British Leyland, is on the board, has made its customary seasonal interim loss. In the six months to end-June, pre-tax losses deepened to £1.89 million from £1.84 million last time. Turnover fell to £2.20 million (£2.76 million) and losses per share rose to 9.8p from 9.6p last time. There is no dividend (nil). Porth said orders at the Porth Decorative Products subsidiary are up on last year.

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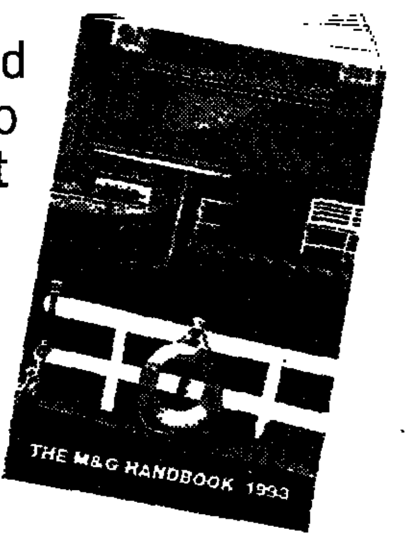

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BUSINESS PROFILE: **David O'Brien**

Taking a lead in restyling the Leeds

Sara McConnell meets the man charged with rationalising a merged Leeds and N&P building society.

David O'Brien's first day as chief executive of the merged Leeds Permanent and National & Provincial building societies is almost certain to be the start of the biggest series of "direction events" in his life.

Such marketing phrases trip easily off Mr O'Brien's tongue, along with "advice and guidance" (selling), "role" (job), "facilitating" and "challenging". Managers have "direction events" (management meetings), employees have "understanding events" (team meetings), at which direction events are discussed. As chief executive of National & Provincial for the past three years, he has presided over a radical overhaul of management style, with extensive and intensive discussion about everything as the new hallmark.

Now he has the chance to do the same at the new Leeds and clearly relishes the prospect. The merger of the Leeds Permanent and the National & Provincial, already both in the top ten, is the biggest ever in the building society movement and was another nail in the coffin for the small and medium societies rapidly losing ground to the big players.

> 'People who were here when he came found it a bit painful. I think they could get a shock at the Leeds'

The new society, to be known as the Leeds, will have assets of nearly £32 billion and a capital base of £1.5 billion. It will be the third largest society in the industry's "league table" and is set to become one of a growing breed of mega societies, grown from mergers. The days of the small local society, offering limited deposits and mortgages and managed by men who have probably spent their life at the society, are over.

Increasingly building societies are large and revel in buzz words like "bancassurance", setting up their own life assurance arms rather than becoming tied agents of insurers, and "innovative financial products". Their stated aim is to compete with each other, and with the banks, in offering savings, mortgages and insurance. It is easy to forget that they are still mutuals with their roots in the Victorian self-help movement.

And increasingly they will be run by men and women like Mr O'Brien, who do not have their roots in building societies and have other management ideas. Mr O'Brien comes from Rank Xerox, where he was managing director; before that he had worked at ICI, IBM, Cray Research and Burroughs, where he was sales and marketing director. "The most interesting part was learning from the changes," he said. "Burroughs was a shock. There was none of the disciplined infrastructure of IBM. You had to learn how to swim without having any ropes and apply your own thinking."

As a result of seeing how other companies worked and where their failings were, when he was appointed chief executive at N&P in 1990, Mr O'Brien developed his own management techniques.

Seven years at Greenwich Royal Hospital School, for the sons of naval officers, where the pupils marched in naval uniform, was also an effective way of turning him off regimentation for life. "Seven years of regimented discipline and you realise that's not the best way to get the best out of people," he said.

His style has been described as "messianic" by some in the building society industry. Others suggest that it smacks of the Moonies. But few managers at N&P left rather than become part of the new ethos. N&P employees have generally been enthusiastic. One said this week: "It makes us feel better. New people tend to be sceptical and cynical, but when you have been here a while you understand the benefits. People who were here when David first came found it a bit painful ... I think they're going to get a shock at the Leeds." Hierarchies have been flattened into a series of interlocking teams and the number of employee grades slimmed down from 20 to four.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Director of events: David O'Brien developed his management ideas outside the building society sector

Mr O'Brien said: "There's nothing unique about the style. It's just basic common sense. All we're doing is actually implementing most of the things that everyone says organisations should do. The whole thing is based on a very simple philosophy ... that all your organisational strength is embodied in the strength of your people."

This may ring hollow in the offices of N&P this weekend, however, as the much vaunted "open" management structure faces one of its greatest tests.

Staff at both N&P and the Leeds were reportedly taken by surprise by this week's merger announcement and, not unnaturally, are anxious at the possibility of up to 1,600 job losses. It emerged that the directors of the two societies had been wrongfooted themselves and had rushed the news out a week earlier than planned to avoid a leak which would have been even more damaging to staff morale. Mr O'Brien said: "Of course, one of the things you have to be is as open and honest as you can be. Clearly there are timing issues which sometimes will cause there to be less of a harmonious introduction of your thinking."

At least the management beat the media by announcing the merger to their staff first. "They did hear it from us. At N&P we used our understanding process to facilitate it, which everybody is aware of and everyone within the space of 24 hours would have had a full dialogue on the subject, not just a release but what we call an understanding event."

Such phrases, Mr O'Brien said without irony, are used "so that we can be clear what we're talking about". ("Understanding events" are held every two weeks, partly so that staff can catch up on the results of "direction events". This week's understanding event was held a week early, so people knew something was up.)

In fact, the 1,600 "threatened" jobs may not all be threatened, he went on. They were "duplications" but if the new society expanded, as it would be able to with more capital and resources behind it, there could be other opportunities for people to move "roles" within the organisation. The number of branches is set to fall from 770 to between 600 and 700.

The increased size of the merged society also puts it in pole position for a conversion to plc status, which so expensively eluded N&P four years ago. However, Mr O'Brien seems in no hurry to become chief executive of Leeds plc. "The important thing is to regularly weigh up being mutual versus the challenges of being a plc and the influence on that will be very much how the market itself develops. What we have done in bringing two societies together is to give us the option to become a plc if it proves to be the best way forward. As separate societies, our size made it quite marginal in terms of the commitment and expense involved. We are now at least in a position to consider it."

The Building Societies Act, often cited by societies as the reason for wanting to convert, is not constraining at the moment and in any case it will be two or three years before the merged society beds down enough even to consider it, Mr O'Brien said.

Even this could be optimistic for a bedding down time, judging by the well publicised teething troubles of the Nationwide and Anglia merger in 1987. Incompatible computer systems and incompatible people proved a problematic mix for several years.

But if the managements of the two societies have any fears on this score they are well hidden. United fronts are the order of the day, with Mr O'Brien at the helm, describing the move as a "great opportunity". The move is not a rescue, but a concerted attack on the market, they say. The Leeds and the N&P have a great deal in common, they all agree. The Leeds had even started implementing some of the more radical management ideas favoured by Mr O'Brien, although they had not gone nearly as far.

All that remains is for the members of both societies to agree to the merger. On past performance, it is unlikely that any opponents will be able to muster enough strength to stop it. Everyone, including the chief executive designate of the new society are assuming that past performance, in this case, is a reliable guide to the future.

Russia puts $100m into political insurance

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

RUSSIA is putting up $100 million to fund a company to insure western investors in the Russian economy against political risk, according to Robert Lyle, chairman of the London-based European Investment Guarantee Agency (Eiga), which is to manage the company.

Political and economic uncertainty, plus Russia's debt problems, have made western investors wary of entering the Russian market, in spite of widespread recognition of the huge business opportunities as the country's privatisation programme gathers pace. Western governments are reluctant to offer insurance cover.

Mr Lyle, who has developed the insurance company concept for the Russian government, said that the Russian funds, to be held in a financial centre in the European Community, would be levered up in international reinsurance markets by a multiple of four, at least. The new insurance company has yet to be named.

A collaboration agreement has been signed in Moscow by Yuri Petrov, chairman of the Russian State Investment Corporation (Gosincor), and Mr Lyle, for Eiga. Under it, Moscow will approve all major decisions, but will control less than a majority of voting shares in the EC-based company.

Eiga, an underwriting management and consultancy firm, specialises in political risk and trade credit insurance. Mr Lyle, who has previously developed insurance systems for the emerging economies of the Far East, said that he saw the Moscow agreement as recognition that Russia was today's big new emerging market.

The insurance company will employ both Russian and western European specialists, an element of the scheme that was considered particularly important to the Russian government.

☐ The German economics ministry has said that it will no longer back official "Hermes" export credit guarantees for German firms exporting to Russia because of Moscow's poor payment record. A ministry spokesman said that the decision had been taken because of the high risk that further guarantees would lead to further losses for the German government.

About DM500 million in interest payments are due to Germany from Russian firms by the end of September. Other parts of the former Soviet Union will not be affected.

Gold quickly tarnished in five days of topsy-turvy trading

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

GOLD went up like a rocket and down like a stick in one of the more dramatic weeks for the metal since the Gulf war. In the Far East, it reached $409 an ounce on Monday, in the aftermath of the ERM turmoil, and finished in London yesterday looking at $374. The metal fell $13.25 yesterday alone.

Platinum finished $14.50 lower at $387.25 an ounce, and silver was 50.5 cents down at 471.5 cents.

August is traditionally the year's quietest month for gold dealing and trading, but this week there was no shortage of "fright" stories. The Chinese have dumped ten tonnes .... George Soros is out of gold, and has moved on .... The South Africans have gone short.

Yesterday, the Belgian central bank, which sold 292 tonnes of gold from reserves in 1992 (much of which the Central Bank of China was happy to buy), said in a carefully worded statement that it had made no gold sales "in recent days". The bank's current holding is 973 tonnes.

Sentiment was not helped by a World Gold Council survey showing that in the second quarter, world demand for gold in the form of small bars, coins and jewellery was only 1 per cent higher than in the same period last year. Demand from China appears to be still strong (up 14 per cent), though the rate of gold imports has slowed.

The gold market is not, however, driven by physical trading alone. More often than not, the futures and option markets set the pace. Commodity funds, which have long been fickle, sell as quickly as they buy.

So when gold seemed likely to fall below $400 this week, US commodity fund managers — many of whom had moved into the metal (some of them for the first time in years) in March, when it was around $350 — stampeded to secure their profits. The weight of selling orders started an avalanche, triggering in turn computer programme selling.

Seasoned followers of the metal accept that gold trading is volatile, and is always international. A weak overnight close in New York means the Far East is ill at ease the following morning. Hong Kong gets the jitters, Zürich reacts cautiously, and the next day's London morning fix is down. New York then thinks the gold market has been oversold, and yesterday's sellers become today's buyers.

Price changes in equities are measured in pennies; those in gold, in dollars. This week, the price swings have been as much as $35.

Gold was at a 12-month low of $326.05 an ounce in March, and in five months rose to more than $400. So what, one trader asked, is a $35 setback when you have had a $60-plus rally?

Chartists and analysts who have lived through violent price swings before are not alarmed. A $35 swing was not unexpected (*The Times*, July 10), and many analysts insist that the bull market in gold remains intact.

Rob Weinberg, precious metals analyst at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, pointed out that gold's May-June trading range was $362-$385. He suggested there was reasonable chart support for the metal at $370. "I do not see gold falling beneath $360, and I suspect that $370 may be the low point," he said.

Australian and Canadian gold shares were 8 per cent lower yesterday, and those in Johannesburg 6 per cent weaker in dollar terms.

But Monday is another day.

BA-USAir code-sharing challenged

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

TENSIONS between the US and UK aviation sectors will become an open battle next week as US carriers make a frontal assault on British Airways to gain greater access to Heathrow.

American Airlines wants to compete with BA on the Philadelphia-London route but says it cannot get sufficient access to Heathrow. Amid accusations that UK aviation officials are acting as protectionists, American has formally asked the US government to revoke BA's approval to operate the service until the US carrier has been granted equal landing rights at Heathrow. BA has operated the route since May 1 under a code-sharing agreement with USAir, in which it has a $400 million investment.

US industry sources say the attack on BA is likely to be used by other American carriers to vent their dissatisfaction over the broader problem of access to the UK.

A spokesman for American said: "There's clearly no level playing field here. British Airways has had a monopoly on this route since May 1; we cannot compete effectively unless we get the slots we want." The airline says the final offer it received was a 7 am arrival time at Heathrow three days a week, but a 9 pm or 10 pm departure for five months of the year, which would mean flights arriving in the US at 3 am.

"Passengers do not want to arrive in the US in the middle of the night," added the American spokesman. "We were close to agreement on the arrival times, but the departure slots were totally unacceptable and for only three, not seven, days a week."

BA said yesterday: "Code-sharing and landing slots at Heathrow are totally different. We were given permission to Code with USAir under the bilateral agreement and an order was made in March by the US transport secretary." BA said landing slots were handled by the Heathrow scheduling committee and it had no control over their allocation. "At Heathrow, we have around 33 per cent of the slots," BA added. "Compare that with American's home base in Dallas, where it controls around 75 per cent of the slots, and with United Airlines at Chicago — they control 90 per cent of slots."

The challenge to BA comes as Federico Pena, the US transport secretary, pledged to implement many of the recommendations of President Clinton's commission, which wants a tougher stance against foreign carriers whose markets restrict access to US operators. The commission has said maximum voting control by foreign airlines in US carriers should be raised from 25 per cent to 49 per cent, but only for those whose markets are liberal. Failure of Britain to relax its rules could threaten BA's ability to take its stake in USAir to 49 per cent in the next few years.

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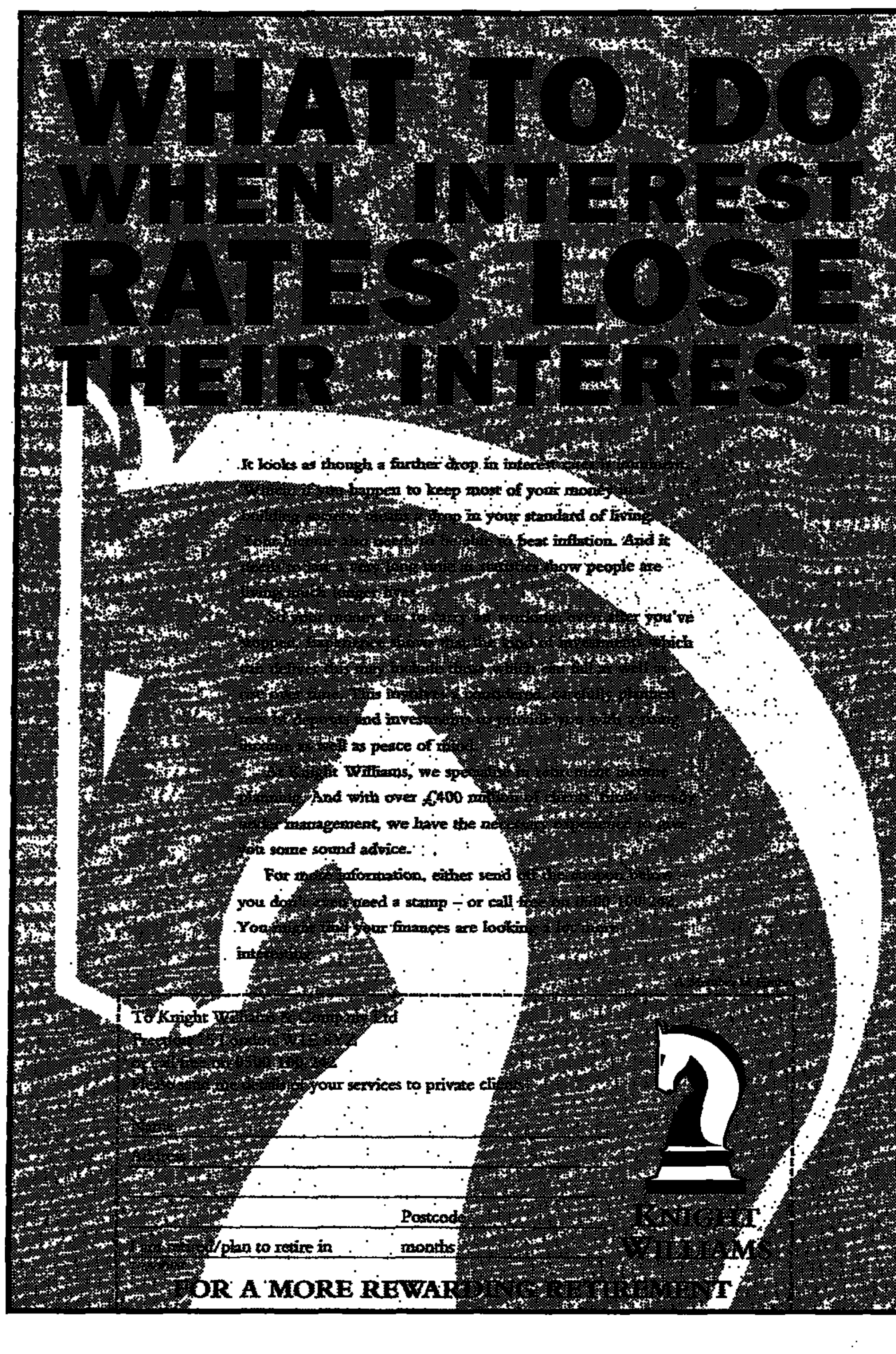


STOCK MARKET

Hopes of lower European rates prompt record close

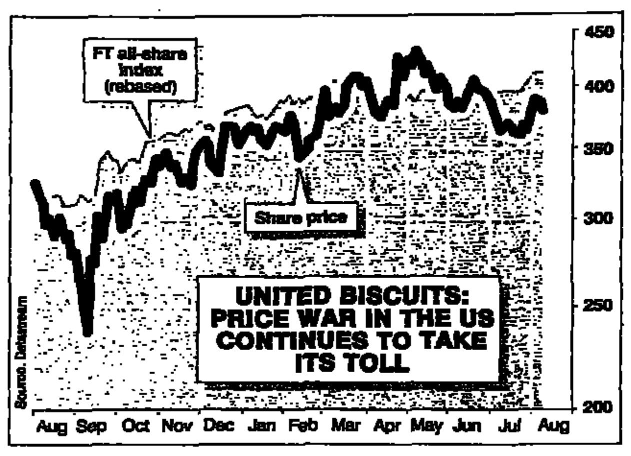
SHARE prices jumped to their highest-ever closing levels on the London stock market with investors continuing to pin their hopes on a early cut in European interest rates.

Almost £6 billion was added to the value of Britain's quoted companies as the FT-SE 100 index closed just below its best of the day with a rise of 26.4 to a record 2,969.8, having been 31 points higher at one stage and within seven points of its highest-ever level. The previous closing best of 2,957.3 was on March 8. The wider FT-SE mid index of 250 shares ended 30.5 up at 3,392.8.

But turnover levels failed to justify the gains recorded by the market indicators with only 681 million shares traded. A general absence of sellers is creating acute stock shortages among many blue chips, forcing market-makers to mark prices sharply higher in the hope of encouraging sellers.

But with bond markets around Europe going from strength to strength and seemingly already discounting further cuts in European interest rates, the prospect of sellers appearing in any weight is remote. If interest rates do fall, investors will be reluctant to leave their money on desposit with the banks and building societies. Both the equity and bond markets are starting to offer better returns.

Reuters is a classic example of the squeeze created by stock shortages with the price climbing 20p to £15.35, for a two-day rise of 85p. The squeeze has become so acute in the shares that stock lending, enabling market-makers to borrow stock to cover short positions, has been suspended.



United Biscuits, the food group, fell 8p to 381p as Hoare Govett became the latest broker to downgrade its profit estimate. Hoare has cut its forecast for the current year by £7 million to £198 million and is believed to have shaved £13 million from its 1994 estimate of £230 million. It says the US food war is as fierce as ever and this hurts profits at its Keebler subsidiary.

Hoare Govett has also turned bearish of **Rank Organisation**, up 9p at 750p after a recent meeting with chief executive Michael Gifford. Rival **Thorn EMI** ended the session 10p lower at 935p after announcing talks with **GEC** on disposal of the defence interests of its electronics division have been terminated. GEC was down 1p at 343½p.

Some of the bid froth in **Spring Ram** blew away leaving the price off 4p at 69p, after touching 63p. Reports claim Masco, the US building products group, which has been talking to Spring Ram, only wants to offer 45p a share and is prepared to walk away. The institutions are only prepared to accept at least 70p a share. Dealers say a game of brinkmanship has now developed.

Bunzl, the paper and packaging group, slipped 1p to 133p despite assuring the City trading has started well in 1993 with all parts of its business, apart from fine paper, strongly ahead of last year.

Britton Group, the packaging specialist, remained a firm market with the price rising 1p to 15¼p and the nil-paid also up 1p at 5¼p with more than 30 million shares traded. Not a bad performance considering the group has just completed a one-for-one rights issue at 10p, to raise £20 million, and a vendor placing.

The old adage of "sell in May and go away" has been turned on its head at Sharelink, the recently floated telephone-driven private client stockbroker, which climbed another 8p to 296p. The company says business is booming, with more orders received in the first week of August than was recorded in the whole of the same month last year.

☐ **Gilt-Edged** enjoyed further strong gains enabling the Bank of England to issue further supplies of tap stock. This included £1 billion of Treasury 8½ per cent 2007 'C', £100 million of Treasury 7¾ per cent 2012-15, £200 million of Treasury Index-Linked 2½ per cent 2013, and £200 million of Treasury Index-Linked 2½ per cent 2024. The ultra long end of the market was not included in the issue and posted the best rises with **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** £1 1/16 better at £114 3/16, while in shorts **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** was 13 ticks firmer at £112 19/32. On the futures market, the September series of the Long Gilt jumped £¾ to £111 15/32 with 38,000 contracts completed.

MICHAEL CLARK

Ever Ready

Ever Ready has been owned by Ralston since April last year when it was sold by Hanson.

RECENT ISSUES

BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	180	+2
Celsis International (100)	107	+4
Court Cavendish (225)	187	-1
Creston Warrants	7½	+½
Dunedin Japan Inv (100)	97	...
Dunedin Japan Inv Wts	50	...
Eurotunnel Wrrnts 1993	22½	+1
Explaura A	3½	...
Field Group (250)	285	...
Fine Decor (210)	264	...
Finsbury Smaller Co's C	153	+3
Flying Flowers (65)	76	...
Govett Emerging Mkts	108	...
Govett Emerging Mkts Wts	52	+1
Johnson Fry Utls (100)	112	+½
Johnson Fry Utls Zero Pf	104½	+1½
Kleinwrt Emrg Mkts (100)	106	...
-do- Wrrts	64	...
Martin Currie Pac Wts	63	+1
Perpetual Japan Inv (100)	107	...
Perpetual Japan Wts	52	...
Policy Portfolio (130)	145	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Lloyds 547p (+10p)
Standard Chart 884p (+25p)
Allied Lyons 597p (+10p)
Whitbread 'B' 1158p (+43p)
Wilson Bowden 417p (+15p)
Inchcape 564p (+12p)
Courtaulds 579p (+10p)
Carlton Comm 764p (+11p)
Eurocamp 210p (+16p)
Sappi 460p (+58p)
MEPC 482p (+14p)
Rothmans 'B' 668p (+10p)
Assoc Brit Ports 449p (+15p)
Clinton Cards 158p (+18p)
Zeneca 656p (+10p)
BAT 453p (+12p)
FALLS:
Hickson 194p (-14p)
Liberty Life 996p (-55p)

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fd	408.10	431.90	+0.50	...
Series Equity	513.80	543.80	+10.00	...
Series Prop Fd	408.90	432.80	+0.20	...
Series Fixed Int	317.90	336.50	+3.20	...
Series Money Fd	240.90	255.00	+0.20	...
Series Oseas Fd	316.10	334.60	+5.50	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.28	18.19	+0.03	...
Bear	18.60	19.58	-0.19	...
Owl	18.46	19.44	-0.20	...
Bull	16.71	17.59	-0.21	...
Stag	17.64	18.57	-0.27	...
Gilt Edged	18.36	18.36	-0.19	...
Deposit	15.23	15.23	-0.02	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	23.01	24.23	-0.05	...
Bear	24.79	26.10	-0.29	...
Owl	24.52	25.82	-0.31	...
Bull	21.05	22.16	-0.31	...
Stag	21.58	22.72	-0.39	...
Gilt Edged	22.52	22.52	-0.26	...
Deposit	19.30	19.30	-0.04	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	544.82	544.83	-7.68	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	324.92	342.03	+4.90	...
N Amer Equity	280.47	295.24	-0.10	...
Far East Equity	383.19	403.36	+8.53	...
Fixed	287.36	302.49	-3.08	...
Cash Deposit	196.01	206.33	-0.31	...
Property	127.42	134.13	-2.39	...
Special Opp	340.38	358.30	-3.49	...
Managed	285.03	300.04	-3.96	...
Index-Linked Fd	189.03	198.98	-1.06	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	256.60	270.20	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	451.50	475.30	-0.10	...
Equity Fd Inc	158.50	166.90	-3.10	...
-do- Acc	305.80	216.70	-3.90	...
Selective Fd	455.20	479.20	-5.40	...
Money Fd	359.50	378.50	-0.40	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	351.80	370.40	+0.10	...
Equity Ser 4	200.60	211.20	-2.90	...
Man Ser 4	617.70	650.30	-8.20	...
Conv Ser 4	315.00	331.60	-0.30	...
Money Ser 4	314.70	331.30	-0.30	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	336.00	353.70	-3.60	...
American Ser 4	483.10	508.60	-5.30	...
High Inc Ser 4	613.60	645.90	+10.60	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	206.70	217.60	-2.50	...
Japan Ser 4	373.40	393.10	-2.90	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1458.1	1534.8	+25.60	...
European Fd Acc	318.10	334.90	-7.10	...
Fixed Int Acc	516.00	543.10	-5.70	...
Gtd Money Acc	320.00	336.80	-0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	547.20	576.00	+4.60	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	321.60	338.50	-0.30	...
Japan Fund	301.70	317.60	-1.50	...
N American Acc	303.80	319.80	-4.80	...
Prop Fd Acc	370.40	389.90	-0.40	...
Multiple Inv Acc	969.10	1020.0	+11.30	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	356.30	375.10	+0.30	...
Equity Acc	1288.7	1356.6	+15.00	...
Property Acc	479.00	504.30	-3.70	...
Far East Acc	268.80	283.00	-0.90	...
Managed Capital	502.10	528.60	+4.50	...
-do- Acc	995.70	1048.2	+11.00	...
Overseas Acc	869.30	915.10	+12.00	...
Gilt Edged Acc	456.10	480.20	+3.60	...
Amer Equity Acc	705.90	743.10	-9.60	...
Amer Man Acc	300.30	316.20	-8.00	...
Amer Prop Acc	114.80	120.90	-2.50	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	139.10	146.40	+2.10	...
Balcd Ser 5	641.00	674.70	+2.50	...
Opportunity Ser 5	144.70	152.30	+0.40	...
Distribution Ser 5	97.20	102.30	-1.00	...
UK Equities Ser 5	874.40	920.40	-4.30	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	936.00	985.20	-8.90	...
North Amer Ser 5	421.90	444.10	-6.50	...
Far East Ser 5	522.30	549.80	-4.00	...
Europe Ser 5	318.70	335.40	+3.70	...
Intnl Ser 5	514.20	541.20	-1.90	...
Property Ser 5	457.10	481.10	+0.30	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	401.10	422.20	-3.30	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	177.60	186.90	+0.50	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	284.00	298.90	+0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	766.90	807.30	+11.40	...
-do- Initial	530.80	558.80	+7.80	...
Gilt Edged Acc	378.10	398.10	-4.50	...
-do- Initial	264.10	278.00	-3.10	...
International Acc	370.70	390.30	-1.70	...
-do- Initial	257.30	270.80	-1.10	...
Managed Acc	480.60	505.90	-5.10	...
-do- Initial	334.20	351.80	-3.50	...
Money Acc	279.10	293.80	-0.20	...
Property Acc	247.40	260.50	-0.30	...
-do- Initial	170.80	179.80	...	...
America Acc	276.70	291.30	-0.90	...
Australia Acc	188.10	198.10	-6.50	...
Financial Acc	299.30	315.10	-8.30	...
500 Accum	411.80	433.50	+6.10	...
Japan Genl Acc	380.60	400.70	-5.30	...
Income Acc	491.40	517.30	+9.50	...
Leisure Acc	199.30	209.80	+4.70	...
Special Sits Acc	214.30	225.60	+4.50	...
Univ Tech Acc	141.40	148.90	-0.60	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	737.84	737.84	+8.25	...
Income Fund	704.96	742.07	+10.89	...
Extra Income	647.32	681.39	+10.06	...
Worldwide Gth	457.18	481.25	+8.23	...
Balanced Fund	607.22	639.18	+7.63	...
Smllr Cos Recov	603.34	635.10	+9.22	...
N Amer & Genrl	362.48	381.56	+0.66	...
Pacific Basin	367.05	386.37	+6.11	...
German Growth	204.81	215.59	+3.60	...
Japan Growth	182.80	192.43	+3.39	...
The UK Gth Fd	191.75	201.85	+2.89	...
Contl Euro Gth	110.20	116.00	+2.41	...
Property Fund	347.45	365.74	+0.29	...
Fixed Interest	304.44	320.47	+5.97	...
Cash Fund	271.76	286.07	+0.19	...
Managed Inv	450.02	473.71	+5.20	...
Nth Amer Recov	237.50	250.00	-1.14	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	421.71	443.91	+9.84	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 888000				
Measured Perf	147.70	156.20	+2.30	...
Performance Plus	143.20	151.50	+2.80	...
With Profit Perf	163.00	172.40	+0.10	...
UK Opportunity	164.10	173.60	-2.80	...
Euro Opportunity	186.70	197.50	+4.60	...
North Amer Opp	141.40	149.60	-0.10	...
Far East Opp	168.60	178.40	+2.80	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	142.50	150.00	-3.90	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	155.80	164.80	+3.20	...
Fixed Int	177.20	187.50	+2.40	...
Cash	150.00	158.70	+0.10	...
Overseas	165.10	174.70	+2.20	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	1238.60	...	...	...
Managed	303.10	319.10	+3.40	...
Property	198.40	208.90	+0.20	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	234.00	246.30	+3.70	...
Index-Linked	182.00	191.70	+0.50	...
Equity	331.20	348.70	+3.90	...
Cash	209.40	220.50	...	...
CLife Euro Mgd	322.30	339.40	+6.00	...
CLife Intl Fd	348.10	366.40	+5.20	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£116.30	...	+1.40	...
Property Units	£25.85	...	+0.11	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£61.79	£65.39	+0.84	...
2nd Equity Acc	585.40	619.50	+6.30	...
2nd High Inc Ac	564.90	597.80	+5.50	...
2nd Property Acc	237.00	250.80	-1.10	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	176.00	186.30	+1.70	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	438.80	464.30	+5.60	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	213.20	225.60	+3.20	...
2nd Deposit Acc	269.80	285.50	+0.20	...
2nd Gilt Acc	291.70	308.70	-4.50	...
2nd Amer Acc	639.00	676.20	-8.20	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	255.30	270.20	-0.50	...
2nd Index Acc	194.40	205.70	+4.10	...
2nd Far East Acc	416.30	440.50	-4.50	...
2nd Global Acc	166.10	175.80	+2.30	...
2nd Euro Acc	144.00	152.40	+5.00	...
2nd Japan Acc	215.30	227.80	-2.70	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.70	72.70	+0.30	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	157.60	166.80	+0.80	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	118.40	125.30	+2.00	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	176.80	186.20	...	...
Managed Fund	553.50	582.70	+11.10	...
Equity Fund	313.80	330.40	+3.20	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	265.20	279.20	+3.80	...
Ruby	154.00	162.20	+1.80	...
Emerald	140.00	147.40	+1.80	...
Equity	298.70	314.50	+5.50	...
Property	186.80	196.70	-3.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	204.70	215.50	+3.60	...
Indexed Secs	163.60	172.30	+1.90	...
Cash	179.20	188.70	+0.10	...
Nth American	204.80	215.60	-0.50	...
Far East	272.60	287.00	-7.20	...
International	217.30	228.80	+2.40	...
Special Sits	292.90	308.40	+4.10	...
Intl Income	268.80	283.00	+4.70	...
American Inc	179.30	188.80	-1.00	...
European	267.00	281.10	+6.90	...
Japanese	157.80	165.90	-0.90	...
SE Asia	290.90	306.30	+7.30	...
With Profits Reg	149.40	157.30	+0.20	...
-do- Spec	149.40	157.30	+0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	291.10	306.50	+3.50	...
Equity	338.00	355.80	+3.00	...
Property	173.50	182.70	-0.40	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	245.30	258.30	+4.90	...
Index Linked	171.70	180.80	+1.70	...
Cash	235.20	247.60	+0.30	...
Nth American	255.90	269.40	-0.30	...
Far East	323.80	340.90	+0.60	...
International Acc	272.70	287.10	+4.00	...
Special Sits	436.60	459.60	+9.90	...
European Flex	363.60	382.80	+14.60	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Units) Key	2207.31	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	2286.94	...	...	...
-do- Cash	196.47	206.81	+0.09	...
-do- Equity	492.57	518.49	-12.75	...
-do- Fxd Int	350.19	368.62	+3.87	...
-do- Managed	356.88	375.66	+8.78	...
-do- Property	291.04	306.36	+8.24	...
(Pens) Cash Cap	205.84	216.68	...	...
-do- Cash Inv	287.40	302.53	...	...
-do- Equity Cap	1308.0	1376.9	...	...
-do- Equity Inv	1826.3	1922.4	...	...
-do- Fixed Cap	380.55	400.59	...	...
-do- Fixed Inv	531.33	559.30	...	...
-do- Index Cap	204.44	215.21	...	...
-do- Index Inv	285.45	300.48	...	...
Mngd Cap	522.27	555.03	...	...
Mngd Inv	736.18	774.94	...	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	629.18	...	+12.97	...
Var Ann (5)	185.58	...	+1.30	...
Prime: Managed	372.40	392.00	+4.60	...
Prime: UK Equity	444.60	468.00	+6.20	...
Prime: Int Equity	282.80	297.70	+3.10	...
Prime: Property	197.10	207.50	+0.40	...
Prime Fxd Int	238.20	250.80	+3.80	...
Prime Index-Lnk	170.40	179.40	+2.40	...
Prime: Cash	196.80	207.20	+0.10	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	1050.3	1105.5	+32.50	...
Equity Fund	1496.2	1574.9	+55.90	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	553.70	582.80	+7.80	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	359.10	378.00	+4.20	...
Life Equity Acc	758.60	798.50	+14.10	...
Life Money Acc	290.40	305.60	+0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	721.90	759.80	+18.60	...
Life Intl Acc	477.50	502.60	+0.90	...
Life High Inc Acc	735.60	774.30	+16.10	...
Life Property Acc	214.30	225.50	+0.20	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1138.3	...	...	...
Brewin Equity	646.80	680.80	+13.10	...
Life Equity Acc	234.00	246.30	...	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	167.90	176.80	+0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	229.00	241.10	+2.70	...
-do- Series 2	147.20	155.00	+1.80	...
Adventurous Fd	196.50	206.90	+0.40	...
-do- Series 2	147.80	155.60	+0.30	...
Performance Fd	236.50	249.00	+0.20	...
-do- Series 2	153.20	161.30	+0.10	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	141.50	149.00	+0.90	...
UK Equity Fund	146.00	153.70	+3.00	...
Property Fund	103.60	109.10	+0.10	...
Envirnmntl Opps	143.70	151.30	+2.90	...
Euro Fund	152.60	160.70	+3.30	...
North Amer Fd	179.60	189.10	-2.30	...
Oriental Ops	167.80	176.70	+3.60	...
Japanese Fund	131.00	137.90	-0.70	...
Bd & West Life	116.10	122.30	+0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	127.10	133.80	+0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	253.30	262.50	+4.80	3.49
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixed)	280.90	295.70	+2.60	...
UK Equity	374.80	394.60	+4.40	...
Stewardship	319.60	336.50	+4.40	...
Overseas Equity	252.40	265.70	+1.50	...
North American	137.70	145.00	-1.10	...
Pacific Basin	143.50	151.10	+2.00	...
European	179.50	189.00	+4.60	...
Property	185.40	196.30	+0.30	...
Fixed Interest	222.80	234.60	+3.20	...
Index Linked	162.30	170.90	+2.10	...
Cash	191.70	201.80	+0.10	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	323.40	340.50	+1.20	...
GT Plan Wwide	471.80	496.70	+6.10	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	189.40	199.20	+2.60	...
Unitised Profit	123.40	129.80	+0.20	...
UK Equity	255.90	269.20	+4.60	...
Fixed Int	190.90	200.80	+2.80	...
Index-Linked	163.10	171.60	+2.00	...
Cash Deposit	167.80	176.50	+0.10	...
Property	165.60	174.30	+0.80	...
International	169.20	178.00	+2.10	...
American	147.80	155.50	-1.80	...
Japan	255.50	268.90	-1.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	262.00	275.70	-1.70	...
European	161.10	169.50	+3.70	...
Pacific Fund	226.90	238.70	-4.10	...
Conv Life	133.20	140.10	+3.00	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	665.40	665.40	+7.60	...
-do- Inv A	665.30	700.50	+8.10	...
UK Equity	380.20	400.30	+6.50	...
Gilt Plus	205.30	216.20	+2.50	...
Managed	290.90	306.30	+3.90	...
Inter Man	260.20	274.00	-2.20	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	661.90	697.50	+5.80	...
Money Fund	303.90	319.90	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	945.10	995.50	+16.60	...
Fixed Interest	274.00	288.70	-2.60	...
Property Fund	337.20	355.30	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	527.60	556.00	+4.90	...
Income	696.90	734.40	+14.90	...
International Gth	576.70	607.20	-7.50	...
Capital Fund	575.00	605.90	+9.80	...
Recovery Fund	572.50	603.30	+3.80	...
Japan & General	285.50	300.80	+0.30	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	650.60	677.70	...	...
Managed Initial	444.50	467.90	+9.90	...
-do- Acc	615.10	647.50	+14.00	...
Equity Initial	647.30	681.30	+18.00	...
-do- Acc	895.80	942.90	+25.30	...
Fixed Int Initial	433.00	455.80	+4.30	...
-do- Acc	599.30	630.80	+6.20	...
Intl Initial	433.60	456.50	+4.60	...
-do- Acc	600.10	631.70	+6.60	...
Nth Amer Initial	176.30	185.60	-1.70	...
-do- Acc	222.00	233.70	-2.10	...
Pacific Initial	236.80	249.30	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	295.50	311.00	+0.60	...
Property Initial	150.90	158.80	...	...
-do- Acc	208.70	219.70	...	...
Index-Lnkd Initl	161.20	169.70	+2.20	...
-do- Acc	203.00	213.70	+2.80	...
Deposit Initial	193.90	204.10	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	268.30	282.40	+0.30	...
Euro Initial	87.50	92.20	+3.10	...
-do- Acc	101.90	107.30	+3.60	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	152.00	159.90	+2.30	...
-do- Pens	182.40	192.00	+3.40	...
UK Equity	150.00	157.80	+1.80	...
-do- Pens	166.90	175.60	+2.60	...
International	135.80	142.90	+2.20	...
-do- Pens	147.90	155.60	+3.80	...
Deposit	134.80	141.80	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	156.90	165.10	+0.10	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	353.70	376.30	-3.20	...
North America	324.30	345.10	-1.20	...
Far East Fund	550.20	585.40	-9.20	...
Global Managed	425.80	453.00	+8.90	...
Deposit Fund	220.30	231.80	+0.20	...
Prime Residential	124.70	131.30	...	...
European Fund	231.90	246.80	+8.10	...
Fixed Interest	69.80	74.30	-0.90	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	471.70	499.20	+5.40	...
British Fund	475.60	503.30	+4.70	...
International	478.10	506.00	+1.90	...
Dollar Fund	348.40	368.70	+1.00	...
Capital Fund	430.30	455.40	+3.80	...
Income Fund	652.00	690.00	+10.10	...
Property Series A	387.90	410.50	+2.00	...
Property Units	628.80	660.30	+3.10	...
Financial Fund	517.60	547.80	+11.30	...
Managed Ser A	501.80	531.10	+4.70	...
-do- C	275.90	292.00	...	...
Managed Units	896.90	944.20	+8.40	...
High Yield Fund	627.70	664.30	-12.30	...
Money Series A	275.90	292.00	-0.20	...
Money Units	363.70	382.90	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	567.20	600.30	+5.30	...
Fixed Interest	369.40	390.90	+4.80	...
Indexed Secs	180.50	191.10	+2.50	...
European Fund	663.70	702.40	+19.00	...
Natural Res	266.40	282.00	-6.70	...
Far East Fund	587.50	621.70	+0.80	...
Smaller Cos	432.70	457.90	+6.70	...
Special Sits	417.60	442.00	+6.30	...
Man Currency	253.20	268.00	-0.30	...
Japanese Tech	268.20	283.90	-3.90	...
US Smaller Cos	219.80	232.60	-0.10	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TY. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	506.50	533.20	+5.40	...
Global Property	256.70	270.20	-1.20	...
Global Fixed Int	496.50	522.60	+6.90	...
Global Equity	535.10	563.30	+5.70	...
Global Cash	204.40	215.30	+0.20	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	469.60	494.30	+5.90	...
Property	424.50	446.80	+0.70	...
Managed	390.10	410.60	+5.40	...
American	384.80	405.10	+0.70	...
UK Equity Fd	417.70	439.70	+6.50	...
Japan	224.70	236.50	+0.30	...
Index-Lkd	181.60	191.20	+1.40	...
High Yield	793.20	834.90	+15.30	...
Growth Cap	424.60	446.90	-6.00	...
Money	385.90	406.20	...	...
International	369.90	389.40	+4.50	...
Henderson Active	203.00	213.70	+2.80	...
Perpetual Active	299.50	315.30	+5.80	...
Growth Cap	424.60	446.90	+6.00	...
-do- Acc	608.60	640.60	+9.10	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	135.00	142.20	...	...
-do- Acc	178.50	187.90	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	132.40	139.40	-1.90	...
-do- Acc	157.80	166.20	+2.70	...
Cash Initial	166.70	175.50	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	275.70	290.30	...	...
Equity Initial	609.10	641.20	+8.70	...
-do- Acc	1007.3	1060.4	+13.90	...
Fixed Initial	354.50	373.30	-3.80	...
-do- Acc	586.30	617.20	-7.80	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	136.80	144.00	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	193.00	203.20	+2.60	...
Intl Initial	325.30	345.40	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	534.60	562.80	-2.80	...
Managed Initial	450.80	474.40	+3.40	...
-do- Acc	745.10	784.40	+7.50	...
Property Initial	188.70	198.70	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	312.10	328.60	+0.10	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	333.60	351.20	+4.90	...
UK Equity	545.90	574.70	+8.30	...
Property	279.10	293.80	-0.10	...
Money Market	242.40	255.20	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	313.80	330.40	+0.70	...
Japan	419.30	441.30	-6.40	...
North America	153.10	161.20	-1.20	...
International	282.90	297.80	+2.80	...
European	250.50	263.70	+5.30	...
Far East	128.20	135.00	+0.50	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£830.30	...	+9.80	...
Fixed Interest	£396.60	...	+5.70	...
Property	£345.60	...	+0.50	...
Deposit	£279.20	...	+0.30	...
Mixed	£545.60	...	+5.90	...
Indexed Stock	£208.70	...	+3.10	...
International	£269.50	...	+3.30	...
Equity A	£193.10	...	+2.30	...
Fixed Int A	£176.30	...	+2.50	...
Property A	£152.30	...	+0.30	...
Deposit A	£164.40	...	+0.10	...
Mixed A	£179.70	...	+1.90	...
Index Stock A	£163.70	...	+2.30	...
International A	£168.70	...	+2.00	...
Equity P	£678.80	...	+10.10	...
Fixed Int P	£513.20	...	+8.80	...
Property P	£274.70	...	+0.50	...
Deposit P	£324.30	...	+0.20	...
Mixed P	£497.20	...	+6.70	...
Index Stock P	£237.30	...	+2.30	...
International P	£309.00	...	+4.70	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap	£563.80	...	+10.20	...
-do- Acc	£888.60	...	+16.70	...
Property Cap	£155.70	...	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	£237.80	...	-0.90	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£204.10	...	+2.90	...
-do- Acc	£312.40	...	+4.70	...
Equity Cap	£305.40	...	+3.10	...
-do- Acc	£472.60	...	+5.10	...
Internatl Cap	£239.70	...	+2.60	...
-do- Acc	£352.20	...	+4.30	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£169.60	...	...	...
-do- Acc	£256.90	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£336.80	...	+3.40	...
-do- Acc	£520.00	...	+5.60	...
Moneymaker Fd	£409.60	...	+4.50	...
Capital Growth	£1510.2	...	+17.40	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	387.50	406.90	-5.20	...
Amer Rec Bond	449.40	471.90	-2.80	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	218.90	230.00	-1.80	...
Australasia Bd	205.70	216.10	-0.50	...
Commodity Bond	260.90	274.00	-0.80	...
Deposit Bond Acc	347.20	364.70	+0.30	...
Equity Bond Acc	1331.8	1398.5	+24.60	...
European Bd Acc	314.40	330.20	+7.10	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	664.70	698.00	+15.20	...
Far East Bd Acc	278.20	292.10	+2.60	...
Gilt Bond Acc	433.00	454.80	+8.20	...
Gold Bond Acc	141.80	149.00	-19.30	...
High Yield Bond	327.20	343.60	+5.70	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	207.60	218.10	+3.90	...
International Bd	689.80	724.30	-0.90	...
Japan Bond Acc	286.40	300.80	-1.50	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	259.70	272.70	-1.10	...
Managed Bonds	811.20	851.80	+15.80	...
Prop Bond Acc	300.50	315.60	+0.20	...
Rec Bond Acc	691.10	725.80	+20.30	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	213.80	225.10	+2.60	...
UK Equity Acc	287.90	303.10	+3.80	...
Special Sits	88.90	93.60	+1.20	...
Special Sits Acc	119.70	126.00	+1.60	...
North American	177.10	186.50	-1.70	...
N American Acc	238.50	251.10	-2.10	...
Pacific Basin	352.00	370.60	+3.50	...
Pacific Basin Acc	474.00	499.00	+5.10	...
Fixed Interest	293.10	308.60	+4.90	...
Fixed Interest Acc	395.10	415.90	+6.70	...
Property	152.80	160.90	+0.10	...
Property Acc	206.00	216.90	+0.20	...
Deposit	151.90	159.90	+0.10	...
Deposit Acc	205.10	215.90	+0.10	...
Managed	247.30	260.40	+2.90	...
Managed Acc	306.90	323.10	+3.70	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	654.70	689.20	+5.40	...
Property Fund	476.20	501.30	+0.50	...
Equity Fund	807.10	849.60	+8.00	...
Gilt Edged Fd	596.10	627.50	+9.40	...
Deposit Fund	316.60	333.30	+0.20	...
Investment Fd	341.80	358.30	+3.20	...
International	540.00	568.40	+0.90	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA Admin: 0272 266366 Prices: 081 789 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	396.30	417.10	+0.80	...
Equity Bond	314.30	330.80	+2.40	...
Money Mrkt Bd	547.30	576.10	+10.00	...
Deposit Fund	363.30	382.40	+0.20	...
Managed Fund	445.00	468.40	+8.40	...
Intl Equity	531.30	559.20	+9.80	...
Intl Managed	497.60	523.70	+0.50	...
North American	202.10	212.70	-1.30	...
Far East	404.60	425.80	+9.30	...
Intl Currency	260.70	274.40	+1.40	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	135.10	142.20	+2.70	...
Fixed Interest	525.60	553.20	+8.20	...
Managed	645.40	679.30	+10.30	...
Deposit	324.60	341.60	+0.40	...
Property	377.50	397.30	+0.20	...
American	392.40	413.00	+4.60	...
Australian	471.60	496.40	+10.80	...
European	473.30	498.20	+9.00	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	256.00	269.40	+4.30	...
Global Managed	130.80	137.60	-2.10	...
Income Acc	714.50	752.10	+9.40	...
-do- Dist	448.90	472.50	+8.20	4.9[illegible]
International	301.50	317.30	+10.00	...
Japan Smaller	522.80	550.30	+11.30	...
Singapore & Mal	310.30	326.60	+7.00	...
Smaller Cos	358.80	377.60	+6.80	...
Tokyo Fund	713.90	751.40	+16.00	...
UK Equity	555.60	584.80	+9.70	...
CCM Vangd Mg	684.50	720.50	+13.00	...
Equity Pens Cap	910.10	958.00	+18.20	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	440.40	463.60	+5.10	...
UK Equity	546.90	575.70	+8.40	...
Overseas Equity	439.50	462.70	+3.30	...
Americas	389.50	410.00	+0.60	...
Far East	492.30	518.30	+5.50	...
Property	199.20	209.70	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	350.30	368.80	+3.50	...
Indexed Gilt	225.00	236.90	+2.70	...
Deposit	207.10	218.10	+0.20	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 148, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1276.9	1344.1	+13.40	...
Eqty Fund	2768.6	2914.3	+34.80	...
Property Fd	453.60	477.50	-0.80	...
Fixed Int Fd	580.70	611.30	+6.00	...
Deposit Fund	331.70	349.20	+0.30	...
Intl Fund	218.80	230.30	+1.80	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63232				
Inv Prop Dist	144.50	152.20	+0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	275.10	289.60	+0.40	...
Inv Equity	1105.8	1164.1	+19.20	...
Inv Managed	772.60	813.30	+11.40	...
Ret Managed	856.90	902.00	+12.00	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	732.70	770.50	+10.60	...
Cash Fund	324.40	341.90	+0.30	...
Property Fund	222.30	236.50	...	...
Equity Fund	842.80	896.70	+10.10	...
Fxd Interest Fund	439.80	463.50	+4.10	...
International	377.10	401.20	+4.20	...
High Income	665.40	707.90	+11.20	...
Far East	520.70	554.00	+2.90	...
North American	502.20	534.30	+2.70	...
Special Sits	585.70	623.10	+11.00	...
Technology	475.40	505.80	+1.90	...
Extra Income Fd	354.90	377.60	+6.20	...
Gilt Fund	463.90	493.60	+4.90	...
European	137.20	146.00	+2.70	...
Adventurous Mg	194.70	205.00	+2.70	...
Secure Mgd	136.50	145.30	+1.60	...
Equity Inc Dist	114.80	122.20	+1.70	4.97
North American	108.10	115.00	+1.50	5.56
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	274.30	289.40	+1.30	...
Fxd Interest Acc	226.70	239.20	+0.10	...
International Acc	247.50	261.10	+3.20	...
Managed Acc	206.70	218.10	+2.40	...
Property Acc	220.50	232.70	-0.50	...
Money Acc	147.60	155.80	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	205.60	216.90	+2.20	...
Japan Equity Acc	132.30	139.60	-0.80	...
N Amer Acc	156.50	165.10	-0.70	...
Pacific Acc	149.60	157.90	+2.70	...
European Acc	145.70	153.70	+6.60	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	432.80	455.60	+4.70	...
Managed Initial	304.70	320.70	+3.00	...
Equity Ord	648.00	682.10	+7.50	...
Equity Init	456.30	480.30	+4.90	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	201.20	211.80	+1.80	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	147.90	155.70	+1.20	...
Oseas Equity Ord	350.30	368.70	+4.10	...
Oseas Equity Init	246.80	259.80	+2.70	...
Property Ord	230.90	243.10	-1.20	...
Property Init	162.60	171.20	-0.80	...
Fixed Int Ord	273.40	287.80	+3.60	...
Fixed Int Init	192.50	202.60	+2.30	...
Deposit Ord	197.60	208.00	+0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.20	146.50	+0.10	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	310.10	323.10	+5.40	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	694.00	730.60	+8.10	...
Equity Fund	1342.3	1413.0	+17.30	...
Intl Fund	550.50	579.00	+4.80	...
Fixed Interest	461.90	513.60	+6.50	...
Property Fund	376.70	396.60	...	...
Cash Fund	350.60	369.10	+0.20	...
Pacific Basin	315.50	332.20	-6.70	...
N American Fd	220.30	231.90	-2.80	...
Euro Fund	234.40	246.80	+5.70	...
Balanced Fund	139.80	147.20	+1.50	...
Strategic Fund	144.50	152.20	+0.80	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mgh Grow (45)	1689.80	...	+18.37	...
-do- Acc	438.70	461.90	+10.80	...
Op Prop	417.60	439.60	...	...
Op Equity	895.30	942.40	+15.50	...
Op High Yield	561.00	590.60	+7.60	...
Op Managed	756.80	796.70	+8.40	...
Op Deposit	376.30	396.20	...	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	300.40	316.30	+4.80	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	266.60	280.70	-1.80	...
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Shs	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	238.80	251.40	+2.50	...
Gilt	80.30	84.60	+0.80	...
Amer (35.34)	...	...	...	...
British	354.80	373.50	+3.60	...
Global Bond	117.10	123.30	-0.10	...
Global (35.34)	163.00	171.60	+0.70	...
Gold Share	79.20	79.20	-6.70	...
High Income	290.20	305.50	+6.40	...
Income	415.70	437.60	+6.60	...
Japan	453.00	476.90	+1.60	...
UK Smlr Cos	304.00	320.00	+3.50	...
Mngd Growth	424.50	446.90	+2.30	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	905.60	968.30	-18.90	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	362.20	381.30	+3.50	...
Equity Fund	492.40	518.30	+4.60	...
Property Fund	260.30	273.90	+0.60	...
International	435.50	458.40	+2.70	...
Pacific Basin	280.80	295.50	-0.40	...
United States	226.10	237.90	-1.70	...
Gilt Fund	351.60	370.10	+4.30	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	688.10	728.20	+6.70	...
Deposit Fund (2)	352.20	372.70	+0.20	...
Gilt Fund	499.40	528.50	+6.60	...
Global Equity Fd	213.20	225.70	+1.60	...
Property Fund (46)	89.40	94.70	...	...
AG Bond Fund	139.70	147.90	+0.70	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	528.10	555.90	+9.10	...
Fixed Interest	355.20	373.90	+4.60	...
Index-Linked	196.30	206.60	+3.10	...
International	419.40	441.50	+2.40	...
Property	243.70	256.50	...	...
Cash	221.30	233.00	+0.20	...
Managed	422.60	444.90	+6.80	...
Cap Gteed Bd	102.50	107.90	+0.90	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	173.55	182.68	+0.14	...
Index-Linked	158.20	166.50	+2.20	...
Fixed Interest	177.40	186.70	+2.70	...
Mixed	235.70	248.10	+2.30	...
UK Equity	222.40	234.10	+3.30	...
International	238.20	250.70	+4.00	...
American	237.00	249.40	-3.40	...
Japan	254.40	267.80	-1.50	...
European	222.80	234.50	+7.70	...
Pacific	331.90	349.40	+2.20	...
Technology	310.20	326.50	-0.30	...
Currncy/Currncy	224.40	236.20	+1.00	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	179.40	188.90	+0.20	...
UK Equity	329.30	346.70	+5.60	...
American	240.00	252.70	+0.60	...
Pacific	328.70	346.10	+4.70	...
European	422.20	444.50	+17.00	...
International	287.90	303.10	+5.30	...
Fixed Interest	239.20	251.90	+3.70	...
Index Linked	194.20	204.50	+2.40	...
Deposit	185.80	195.60	+0.10	...
Managed	265.00	279.10	+4.40	...
Worldwide	115.20	121.40	+2.10	...
Pen Worldwide	121.90	128.40	+2.60	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1491.8	1537.9	...	...
Safety Fund	225.20	237.10	+2.00	...
Growth Fund	213.30	224.60	+0.90	...
Opportunity Fd	210.30	221.40	+1.40	...
Cash Fund	167.20	176.10	+0.10	...
European Fund	311.80	328.30	+5.80	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	191.90	202.10	+2.60	...
Index-Linked Fd	182.00	191.60	+1.80	...
International Fd	265.90	279.90	+0.60	...
North American	230.90	243.10	-1.00	...
Property Fund	116.90	123.10	+0.10	...
UK Equity	224.30	236.20	+1.90	...
UK Smaller	204.20	215.00	+0.30	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	247.20	260.40	+3.50	...
Equity	262.00	275.90	+3.70	...
International	258.10	271.70	+2.40	...
Property	196.50	206.90	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	214.20	225.60	+2.00	...
Index Linked	177.90	187.40	+1.30	...
Cash	180.00	189.60	+0.20	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	870.60	870.60	+26.40	...
Inv Pol 2	793.70	835.60	+25.40	...
Inv Pol 3	763.50	803.80	+24.10	...
Inv Cash	299.90	315.90	+0.30	...
Mixed Fund	418.40	440.60	+4.00	...
Equity Fund	489.50	515.40	+2.70	...
Property Fund	206.10	217.00	-0.20	...
International Fd	444.40	467.90	+5.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	361.10	380.20	+4.20	...
Indexed Stock Fd	196.50	207.00	+2.40	...
Cash Fund	218.30	229.90	+0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	346.10	364.30	+4.80	...
Equity Acc	391.20	411.70	+7.00	...
International Acc	325.10	342.20	-4.50	...
Property	207.40	218.80	+0.30	...
Royal Trust Mg	222.80	234.50	+4.00	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	258.00	271.60	+0.20	...
Equity	922.70	971.30	-13.40	...
European	149.60	157.50	+3.40	...
Far East	159.20	167.60	+1.30	...
Fixed Interest	389.70	410.30	-5.90	...
Index Linked	204.30	215.10	+2.00	...
International	569.10	599.10	+5.40	...
Managed	648.30	682.50	+8.30	...
Nth American	140.00	147.40	-1.30	...
Property	311.60	328.00	-0.30	...
Pensions				
Cash	396.20	417.10	+0.30	...
Equity	1308.9	1377.8	-20.80	...
European	177.70	187.10	+4.60	...
Far East	125.90	132.60	+1.20	...
Fixed Interest	521.40	548.90	+8.80	...
Index Linked	283.00	297.90	+3.70	...
International	796.20	838.30	+8.40	...
Managed	897.60	944.90	+12.80	...
Nth American	174.60	183.80	-1.80	...
Property	397.60	418.60	-1.50	...
Stock Exchange	203.00	213.70	+2.90	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	602.90	634.70	+7.20	...
Equity Fund	800.70	842.90	+11.60	...
Fixed Interest Fd	410.40	432.00	+6.20	...
Index-Linked Fd	301.00	316.90	+2.70	...
Property Fund	427.50	450.00	+0.40	...
International Fd	583.60	614.40	+4.10	...
N American Fd	223.40	235.20	-2.20	...
Far East Fund	206.60	217.50	+0.90	...
Deposit Fund	282.60	297.50	+0.20	...
International Bd	£77.72	...	+1.48	...
Worldwide Bond	161.00	169.50	+0.90	...
Worldwide Fincl	79.10	83.30	...	...
Worldwide Tech	94.00	99.00	...	...
European	145.30	153.00	+4.40	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	590.10	621.20	+12.00	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	404.30	431.80	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£489.10	...	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	£458.60	...	+0.40	...
Agricultural Fd	£764.90	...	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	£734.90	...	+0.60	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£386.90	...	+0.40	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£410.70	...	+0.30	...
Investment Fd	£318.90	...	+3.60	...
Investment (A)	£306.70	...	+3.50	...
Equity	£1157.3	...	-15.90	...
Equity Acc	£1111.5	...	+15.20	...
Money Fund	£447.80	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£429.30	...	+0.30	...
Actuarial Fd	£540.90	...	+5.80	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£382.90	...	+5.50	...
-do- Acc	£382.90	...	+5.50	...
Retire Annuity	£1014.4	...	+12.40	...
Immed Annuity	£304.50	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	£216.60	...	+0.20	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£1334.1	...	+27.90	...
Managed Acc	£767.30	...	+16.10	...
Equity Account	£1074.7	...	+27.10	...
Mngd Fund Acc	355.50	374.20	-7.80	...
Equity Fund Acc	473.30	498.20	-12.50	...
Prop Fund Acc	222.50	234.20	-0.30	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	298.30	314.00	+3.10	...
Money Fund Acc	212.70	223.90	+0.20	...
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	203.90	214.60	+2.20	...
Pers Pens Acct	£1698.0	...	+36.70	...
Pens Mngd Acct	789.90	831.50	+17.90	...
Pens Guarantee	225.00	236.90	+0.40	...
Pens Equity	299.10	314.90	+8.90	...
Pens Property	241.70	254.50	+3.00	...
Pens Fixed Int	269.40	283.60	+4.40	...
Pens Intl	222.10	233.80	+3.00	...
Pens Money	224.20	236.00	+0.50	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	192.10	202.20	+3.10	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	827.00	870.60	+14.60	...
Property Acc	306.80	323.00	+3.00	...
Equity Acc	1340.2	1410.8	+20.80	...
Fixed Int Acc	383.80	404.10	+6.20	...
Index-Linked Acc	201.40	212.00	+1.80	...
Cash Acc	296.40	312.00	+0.10	...
Amer Equity Acc	331.90	349.40	-1.10	...
Japan Acc	323.00	340.10	-6.80	...
Pacific Acc	299.20	315.00	+9.10	...
Far Eastern Acc	731.60	770.20	+23.50	...
International Acc	520.50	547.90	+12.20	...
Distribution Fund	280.00	294.80	+3.10	6.36
European	172.20	181.30	+6.70	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	264.20	278.20	+3.40	...
Property Fund	183.50	193.20	...	...
Fixed Interest Fd	218.10	229.60	+1.50	...
Money Fund	191.60	201.70	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	344.80	363.00	+3.40	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	240.00	252.70	+0.10	...
Financial Ser 1	44.80	48.10	+1.30	...
Fixed Interest	321.10	338.10	+0.80	...
Gold	82.10	86.50	-8.90	...
Managed	570.90	601.00	-2.80	...
Mngd Growth	176.30	185.60	-5.10	...
Mngd Opp	184.90	194.70	-5.70	...
Property	254.70	268.20	...	...
Residential Prop	92.90	97.80	+0.10	...
TSB American	199.60	210.20	-0.30	...
TSB Brit Gwth	761.40	801.60	+7.20	...
TSB European	248.30	261.40	+4.50	...
TSB Income	370.80	390.40	+6.40	...
TSB Intl	395.20	416.00	-2.00	...
TSB Intl Inc	279.10	293.80	+2.30	...
TSB Pacific	366.40	387.80	+2.20	...
TSB Prem Inc	252.60	264.00	-4.30	...

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Cashing in on the holiday rush

THE amount of foreign currency changing hands this week has broken all bank and bureau de change records as British holidaymakers rush to buy cheap Spanish pesetas, Greek drachmas, Portuguese escudos and French francs before rocky currency markets right themselves.

Volumes of money changed were 30 per cent higher on average than banks would expect for this time of the year, in itself one of the two busiest holiday weeks. Thomas Cook says it sold four times as many pesetas (£3 million worth) as normal at this time of year. They conclude that many people are buying foreign money a couple of weeks before they are due to travel to take advantage of the rare experience of a relatively strong pound. The temptation to wait for the possibility of a devaluation in the coming weeks appears to have been outweighed by the desire to gain some definite advantage now, despite advice at the beginning of the week by American Express and others to wait until the last minute before changing money and then only take a minimum.

Keith Watts, Barclays' director of currency, said: "This week we had the highest volumes ever. The British are pretty shrewd. A lot of people are taking the opportunity to buy now, even if they are not going for a few weeks. It was the reverse last year — at the back end of August and the beginning of September, they took credit cards instead and when the credit card invoices came in, they discovered they were getting 10 per cent to 15 per cent less [because sterling had been devalued]". This experience could have left some unwilling to trust to luck and take credit cards, said Mr Watts but he added that people should always take a mixture of cards, cash and travellers cheques, perhaps both sterling and local currency to take best advantage of prevailing currency conditions.

Sara McConnell and Liz Dolan help holidaymakers through the maze of holiday cash options.

DENZIL MCNEELANCE

Money market: holidaymakers appeared sanguine about fluctuations in exchange rates when they changed money at the airports this week

Travellers shrug off exchange rate worries

EXCHANGE rates seemed the last thing on the minds of holidaymakers fighting their way through the early-morning rush at Gatwick Airport this week (Liz Dolan writes).

Most travellers at the Thomas Cook and Travelex bureaux de change were sanguine about Continental currency fluctuations. A woman in transit between Paris and her home in America said: "We just bought francs as we needed them. The rates varied, but we didn't hang on for better value. We were on holiday."

A Bury St Edmunds couple, Wendi and Michael Morrisette, off for a long weekend in Athens, were happily swapping sterling for a hefty pile of drachmas. Dr Morrisette, distribution manager with a biotechnology company, said: "We didn't even consider travellers cheques; and credit cards are out because of interest charges." She saw no reason to worry about security. "I'm never going to be far away from the cash. If we do lose it, well, that's a risk you take, isn't it?"

Her husband, a US defence department employee, said that they had waited until Gatwick to change their money, not because they were "bothered about currency fluctuations", but because they did not think a high-street bank would hold a permanent stock of drachmas.

Guy and Fiona Marot, off to Dallas for two weeks with travellers cheques and dollars in roughly equal amounts, were exchanging marks left from a holiday in Germany. Mr Marot, an army officer, said: "We had hoped to make a bit of a turn by hanging on to them, but sadly there doesn't appear to have been any real benefit. The bureau probably creamed off the profit."

The couple would treat credit cards as a last resort, Mrs Marot said, because rates charged were "phenomenal" and because of "extra loading they put on the exchange rates".

Exchange rates had not affected the Marots' plans, although friends had been putting off visiting France in the hope of a big drop in the franc.

Carole Millington, a Southsea nurse off for five days in Sweden, had bought kroner at Gatwick because her local Thomas Cook had none in stock. "They had to scrabble around a bit here, too, but they found some in the end," she said. Cash would back up "the most convenient method" — her Visa card. Travellers cheques were "too much of a hassle", and, no, she had no idea how the sterling/kroner rate had been faring.

HOW BEST TO PAY YOUR WAY

☐ **PLASTIC:** Using a credit card to pay for restaurants, hotels and holiday purchases can put off the day of repayment, sometimes for several months, an obvious advantage. They are now much more widely accepted (Access is acceptable in 10 million outlets and Visa in 10.4 million) but it can take up to a month for a transaction to appear on the card issuer's computer. Italian banks are reported to be particularly slow at processing card transactions. More usually it takes between a week and ten days. Then cardholders have a further 56 days' free credit in most cases.

The drawback of cards in a fluctuating currency market is that the exchange rate used is the one current on the day the home bank records the transaction, or in the case of NatWest, the day before. If other currencies have strengthened against sterling, or sterling has weakened, as it did last September on Black Wednesday, the credit card bill could come as a shock.

The rate used is the day's Visa or Access rate, but individual banks will then add up to 3 per cent for "administration" or "handling". There is no upfront commission for using a credit card as there is with travellers cheques or cash. Visa and Access can also be used to get cash advances from cashpoints or banks. Barclays customers can get £500 a day in local currency using a Visa credit card, but there is a 1.5 per cent handling charge, minimum £1.50. Interest is charged at 1.65 per cent a month (APR 24.8 per cent). Lloyds charges 1.5 per cent, minimum £1, to Access customers. NatWest does not charge for cash advances on Visa or Access cards.

Holders of Visa debit cards such as Connect or Lloyds Visa debit card, can use their cards as they do at home to get local currency from a cashpoint or bank, or purchase goods from shops. Current accounts will be debited with the transaction, using the exchange rate on the day the home bank gets the details. There is normally a 1.5 per cent commission for cash, but there is no commission for using debit cards in shops.

☐ **TRAVELLERS CHEQUES:** These have the obvious advantage over cash of being refundable if lost or stolen. They may also be used as cash in many hotels, restaurants, shops and other retail outlets. This is especially true in the United States, where it is therefore important to take dollar-denominated cheques.

Most UK banks stock both sterling and dollar cheques. Larger branches supply other popular currencies on demand. Thomas Cook outlets hold permanent stocks of cheques in ten other popular currencies.

The choice of sterling or local currency cheques depends on likely exchange rate movements and on prevailing conditions in countries visited. In Spain, for example, commission charges may be avoided on peseta-denominated cheques.

Commission rates vary. Barclays charges 1.5 per cent of the sterling equivalent, with a minimum for customers of £3 and, for non-customers, £5. The handling charge for all but sterling and US dollar cheques is £2.50. Lloyds charges customers 1 per cent commission, with a £3 minimum for all cheques. Midland Bank issues Thomas Cook travellers cheques, for which it charges 1 per cent (minimum £3) for sterling cheques and 2 per cent (£3 minimum) on foreign currency cheques. NatWest charges 1 per cent (£4.50 minimum) on sterling cheques, 2 per cent (£4.50 minimum) on non-sterling and a £2.25 administration fee. When cashing sterling cheques abroad, banks and recognised bureaux de change normally offer better rates. Encashment of sterling cheques in the UK is usually free.

☐ **EUROCHEQUES:** These may be cashed at banks in Europe and some neighbouring countries, and are used in retailers, hotels and restaurants. The cards may also be used in European cash dispensers. Cheques are written in local currency. Eurocheque cards guarantee cheque payments to the equivalent of £100, but a limitless number of cheques may be written to cover each bill. However, using several cheques, or even one cheque for a small amount, can be expensive.

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Where to find the real bonus

COMMENT

SARA McCONNELL
Personal finance correspondent

The directors of the Leeds Permanent and National & Provincial building societies are ambitious men. They want to merge two already large societies into an even larger society, which will really be a force to be reckoned with on the high street. Talk of "growth" and "building on financial strength" has been heard in boardrooms and at press conferences. We are told the deal will be good for both savers and borrowers, as the new society will be stronger (not of course that they were not both strong before — this is not a rescue, they emphasise).

Customers may well benefit from this merger. It will be up to them to decide if they want it to go ahead, as they mutually own the society. There appears to be little reason for them to obstruct it.

However, what happens after the merger ought to concern them. The societies, by their own admission, have ranges of savings accounts that substantially overlap. These are likely to be "rationalised" or as David O'Brien, chief executive of the merged society says, "harmonised". Some, probably from each society, will inevitably be closed to new business and become obsolete. The society no longer needs to pay a good rate to tempt new savers and many who rarely go to their branch may end up earning a much worse rate.

This has been a familiar pattern when societies have merged in the past. Mergers are often the sign for a burst of marketing activity to raise the new society's profile. New accounts with tempting rates are launched while old ones fade into the backround. Those who have saved for many years, perhaps not actively withdrawing or depositing funds, have tended to lose. There are also risks for those in fixed-rate bonds, which have had a resurgence of popularity recently as rates fall. Withdrawal penalties on these accounts tend to be draconian and savers could find themselves stuck with a worse rate.

Mr O'Brien says this will not happen at the new Leeds society. N&P, of which he is presently chief executive, has indeed got an encouraging record on this score. The list of obsolete N&P savings accounts has been substantially reduced and it was one of the first societies to introduce a helpline for savers concerned about their rates.

However, savers need to keep a close eye on their rates. Keeping abreast of what's on offer and getting the best rate will almost certainly make more difference in the long term than worrying about whether there will be a bonus in store for the members of one or both societies. Because the reserves of both societies are similar and neither will be in the position of having to use its reserves to bail out the other, the need for sweeteners to members to compensate is substantially reduced. If there is a bonus it is likely to be small and not worth getting steamed up about.

Credit fair play

Arrangers of credit, from banks to backstreet loan sharks, may be staggering under the weight of too much regulation, says the Office of Fair Trading. Well, this will certainly be news to anyone who has been saddled with outrageously expensive repayments after being granted credit or who has been extended credit without having the rates of interest clearly explained. To these people, signs of regulation in any form have often proved elusive

The OFT suggested this week that there could be scope for greater self-regulation by the credit providers. On what grounds? They cannot point to the success of self-regulation in other areas as a role model. Self-regulation of investment advisers and insurance companies is still not working after five years. Vested interests block and delay moves to improve consumer protection. Calls for statutory regulation are drowned out in favour of "keeping it in the family".

At least the public will have a chance to be heard by the OFT. There will be two public hearings in London on October 27-28 and in Leeds on November 2, as part of the OFT's review of the Consumer Credit Act, the main piece of legislation governing credit provision. The more people who attend and make their views known, the better.

Rupert Bruce reports on investment funds based on emerging economies

Third World markets come first for growth

"EMERGING markets" are the most fashionable investment story of the moment. Two global emerging markets funds have been launched this year, another two are said to be coming, and Mercury Asset Management, one of the country's leading fund management houses, has launched the Mercury Emerging Markets Fund, a unit trust, this week.

These funds — which invest in the stock markets of rapidly growing Third World economies — are being launched on the crest of a wave of sparkling investment performance. Any investment in the best performer, the Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust, would have more than doubled in the past three years (£)00 would have grown to £236 over the three years to August 2, according to Micropal).

But is this the top of the market? Richard Royds, managing director of Mercury Fund Managers, does not think so. "Over the next five years the rate of growth [in emerging markets] will be twice that for developed markets, according to IMF forecasts. This should feed straight into the underlying stock markets," he said. The flipside of this rapid growth is high levels of instability. Many of these Third World countries are prone to political coups and revolutions.

Studies have shown that because these markets have little or no correlation with one another, a portfolio with investments spread across a number of markets is relatively stable. Dr Mark Mobius, head of Templeton's emerging markets team, said he has found that the Japanese stock market has shown greater volatility than his funds (he runs an offshore fund as well as the investment trust) during the past three and five years.

Protectionism has been cited recently as a particular reason for doubting the future of emerging markets. The developed world would drift towards regional trade blocs and protectionism to stem the loss of jobs to emerging countries with low wages; this would mean they stop buying from emerging markets and so stifle their growth. Dr Mobius dismisses this. He says emerging markets are trading increasingly with one another and are becoming less dependent on Europe and North America. "The big worry that we have is a reversion to socialist/nationalist countries' kind of thinking which says that you must nationalise and confiscate property. Given the present trend, that is unlikely."

Taking into account the instability of emerging markets, Dr Mobius believes an investor should be "young in mind" and be prepared to invest for a long time.

For anyone choosing an emerging markets fund, it is important to pick one managed by an experienced team with extensive resources. Many of the stocks listed in emerging markets are poorly researched by local stockbrokers, have strange accounting conventions, and few staff who speak English.

Focus of attention: China is one of the economies under scrutiny by investors

Adventurous times for the borrower abroad

Prospects for holders of foreign currency mortgages look better, but caution is still advised

HOLDERS of foreign currency mortgages can rest assured that the effective break-up of the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) should not spark a big increase in the size of their mortgage as sterling's hasty exit last September did in many cases.

John Read, a 35-year-old financial adviser, recently decided that enough was enough and returned to a domestic mortgage. He bought a £250,000 house in Buckinghamshire with a £200,000 mortgage in May 1988. When mortgage rates soared he took out a foreign currency mortgage.

He had four years of low interest payments and a shrinking mortgage with The ECU Group, the foreign currency mortgage manager. Then last September the size of his mortgage increased by £20,000. He switched to another manager, Macintyre Hudson, but his debt has since increased by more than £20,000. When fluctuations of the yen against the pound a couple of weeks ago cost him another £5,000 he decided to revert to a domestic mortgage.

Mr Read thinks his house is worth about £240,000, but he has a mortgage of £235,000. The record is not quite as bad as it seems because he borrowed another £25,000 against his house when everything was going well.

Managed foreign currency mortgages became popular in the late 1980s when mortgage rates were very high in Britain, and lower in other countries. Foreign currency mortgage managers operated by switching mortgage debt between foreign currencies that had lower interest rates than sterling and that they thought were likely to fall against the pound. But after sterling left the ERM, there was a period of falling interest rates and the pound fell on foreign exchange markets. The ECU Group's figures show that anyone who took out a foreign currency mortgage in the weeks before sterling dropped out of the ERM would have seen the size of their mortgage grow by about 25 per cent, although there would have been a small saving in interest payments.

Indeed, it admits that some of its mortgage holders have been forced to switch back into a normal domestic mortgage by the banks that granted them their mortgage facility. This generally happens when the size of the debt increases by 15 per cent.

But John Royden, director of research at The ECU Group, is optimistic about current prospects: "We think that the possibility of debt reduction looks good from here."

Geoff Wilkinson, currency trading manager at Gaiacorp, another foreign currency mortgage manager, says the break-up will give managers greater trading opportunities because there will be more floating currencies and interest rates in Europe are likely to fall. He says: "We have more opportunity but potentially more volatility."

Nonetheless, Nico Gubbins, a director of RFCL Ltd., an arranger of foreign currency mortgages, says that the general public no longer seem interested in these 'specialist' mortgages. His customers are City professionals and the extremely wealthy, whom he regards as a more appropriate market.

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Counting the cost: John Read reverted to a domestic mortgage

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National Savings targets big savers

COUPLES who both hold National Savings income bonds or investment accounts could consider amalgamating their holdings to take advantage of a new tier of interest on balances above £25,000. By transferring some or all of the holding into the name of the spouse who is a basic-rate or non-taxpayer, they will also be able to pay less tax on this interest (Sara McConnell writes).

National Savings is specifically targeting larger savers. For the first time this week, it announced that it was adding a new tier of interest to its income bond, currently paying 7 per cent gross on all balances, and its investment account, paying 6.25 gross per cent at present on all balances. Balances of £25,000 and over in either account will now earn an extra 0.25 per cent gross.

Savers with more than one holding must have at least £25,000 in one account to qualify for the higher rate and can apply to have accounts amalgamated. Interest earned on either account is taxed and the Inland Revenue will automatically split tax on interest 50:50 between the holders unless told otherwise. If one spouse is a higher-rate taxpayer and the other a basic-rate or non-taxpayer, they can elect to have all or part of the interest taxed at the lower rate.

However, the money must actually legally belong to the lower rate taxpayer and a declaration must be signed to this effect. It is not enough just to tell the Revenue that the holding has been transferred.

☐ Abbey National will freeze or, in some cases, lower buildings insurance premiums for most customers from September 8, after a closer review of its claims experience. A number of post codes are to be moved to different rating bands, a shift that will leave 80 per cent of policyholders with unchanged premiums, it says.

☐ Abbey National mortgage borrowers may now only make additional capital repayments in blocks of £1,000, rather than £100, as was allowed previously. Abbey claims the move brings it in line with major competitors.

☐ Bristol & West has launched a one-year guaranteed postal bond paying tiered interest of between 5.51 per cent and 6.38 per cent net. The minimum investment is £5,000. The building society promises at least to maintain differentials above bank base rate until end-1993, after which it guarantees differentials of at least 1 per cent over base rate for the rest of the 12-month term.

☐ Counterfeit credit cards accounted for 9 per cent of Barclaycard fraud losses in the first six months of this year, compared with "virtually nothing" three years ago. However, total losses from credit card fraud fell more than 20 per cent to £12 million.

☐ Employees posted overseas can miss out on career development when returning home, warns staff consultant, Towers Perrin, which also urges employers to devise coherent benefit packages for ex-pat staff.

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Checking up on your financial health

Where to spend, where to save? This week and next, four independent advisers suggest some radical financial overhauls. **Jill Insley** reports

IAIN Anderson, a 25-year-old journalist, began work ten months ago. He earns £15,000 and wants to buy his first flat for £68,000 in Notting Hill, London, using a gift of £35,000 from his father as a deposit. He is quite interested in paying off his mortgage loan with an endowment. He owns 1,000 BT2 shares and 500 Scottish Hydro-Electric shares and has about £2,000 in a Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society account. The shares are not held in a personal equity plan.

Mr Anderson would like to start investing about £60 a month in a pension. In two months, he will become eligible for his company's pension plan. The company will contribute £10 a month to a Laurentian personal pension, provided that Mr Anderson puts in at least £20 a month. If he is still with the company after two years, it will contribute the equivalent of 5 per cent of his basic salary if he will contribute 3 per cent.

However, true to his Scottish roots, Mr Anderson would rather stick with a plan from a Scottish mutual insurance company.

PETER TRIEVNOR

First step: Iain Anderson wants to buy a London flat for £68,000, using a gift of £35,000 from his father as a deposit, and is looking to fund a pension

MONEY TALKING

☐ **Stephen Ingledew, Frizzell Life & Financial Planning:** Mr Anderson should have no difficulty finding a £33,000 mortgage on very attractive terms. On a typical current mortgage rate of 7.99 per cent the interest payments will be about £170 per month.

Although he mentions an endowment, he should consider other types of mortgage, for example, a straightforward repayment loan. He could also consider repaying his mortgage with a personal equity plan.

Pep tax concessions mean the opportunities for capital growth over the long term are considerable, and they are more flexible than endowments, although he may find that the investment returns are more volatile. He should transfer his shares into a Pep for tax efficiency.

He should take advantage of the company's contribution to a personal pension plan. He could make the required minimum £20 per month contribution, and invest the extra £40 with a Scottish mutual insurance company.

☐ **John Edwards, Berry Birch & Noble:** I would recommend an interest-only mortgage loan, which is far more flexible because you choose your own repayment method.

Cheltenham & Gloucester are particularly good at these and their rates are consistently competitive. Endowments are restrictive and tend to be quite expensive, early surrender values are poor, and there are doubts as to whether new policies will guarantee full repayment of the loan. A pension mortgage would be very tax-effective, but is even more restrictive and might interfere with future pension plans.

A regular savings personal equity plan is the best way of saving to repay the mortgage, providing tax-free returns and pound cost averaging. He would also need term assurance.

To cater for his patriotism, I would suggest a Pep from a Scottish company. Murray Johnstone Peps have low charges and a good investment track record. Their minimum contribution is £100 a month, but other Scottish companies require only £50 a month.

Laurentian Life may not be a star performer in pensions, but the contribution from Mr Anderson's company should easily exceed any superior investment performance by another pension provider.

Mr Anderson could take out a second plan with another provider, but this is not a good idea, especially if he takes my advice on the Pep.

When he leaves his present job, he could switch to a Scottish plan and stop contributions to the Laurentian Life fund, which would then be left to build up in value.

☐ **Frank Haskew and Mark Rittner, Rathbone Brothers:** Mr Anderson will need most of the £35,000 he receives from his father as a deposit so that his monthly mortgage repayments are manageable.

Although he can cash in his BT, and Scottish-Hydro Electric shares to reduce his mortgage to £30,000, we recommend that he retains these. Mr Anderson would be able to afford to invest £60 a month towards a pension. He can pay £20 a month into the unit-linked Laurentian scheme to ensure that his company can contribute £10 and he can invest the balance into a separate with-profits personal pension offered by one of the leading Scottish mutual offices such as Standard Life or Scottish Widows. Mr Anderson should reconsider his pension position in two years' time when the company will contribute the equivalent of five per cent of his basic salary into his pension. The maximum he can invest in personal pension contributions is 17.5 per cent of his salary net of any contribution from his company. He will be contributing three per cent to the Laurentian personal pension and can therefore put up to 9.5 per cent in another pension.

Plans of action from the investment experts

DANIEL Meltzer has been running William Davies Meltzer, the City solicitors, with partners Hugh Williams and Sian Davies, for the past 15 months.

Because the firm is expanding rapidly and still in its infancy, the partners are drawing down very little income — about £1,200 each per month. Mr Meltzer does not expect his personal drawings to change significantly for at least three years.

Although the partnership's finances are secure, Mr Meltzer's are more precarious. He says: "To be honest I find financial services utterly tedious. I have been to a fee-based financial adviser. He keeps sending me a lot of bumph, and quite frankly the last thing I want is to read through that lot."

Mr Meltzer, 32, has paid £80 a month into a personal pension with Sun Alliance for the last three years. He has also contracted out of the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme. He believes he has a negative equity problem, having taken out a £65,000 mortgage on a house in Stoke Newington, London, priced at £65,000 at the time of purchase two years ago. He believes the house is now probably worth about £55,000.

Mr Meltzer says that although he has pure life, or term, insurance which will pay off the interest-only mortgage should he die, he has not invested in an endowment, pension, Pep or other investment vehicle to pay off the loan on its maturity. He is paying £400 a month to the lender.

Mr Meltzer has no credit card, hire purchase or overdraft debts.

Meltzer: points to follow

☐ **Frank Haskew and Mark Rittner, Rathbone Brothers:** Mr Meltzer's negative equity "problem" is only a problem if he falls into serious arrears or wishes to sell the flat before the property market has taken an upturn. Even in this case, some building societies (the Woolwich and the Leeds) have schemes to help.

However, he will obviously not want to move until he can increase his drawings. The time to review his mortgage payments will be in two to three years, when he may want to trade up to a larger house. His life cover will pay off the mortgage in event of death and he has started a pension. He should make no further personal savings until his drawings increase.

If Mr Meltzer has any capital tied up in the partnership, he may be able to replace his house loan with a loan to fund his partnership interests. The interest on the loan will qualify for income tax relief at his highest rate of income tax.

☐ **David Key, Noble Lowndes & Partners:** Forty per cent of Mr Meltzer's earnings vanish in outgoings without taking any living expenses into account, so we guess that he would be able to save very little. If he cannot afford further savings we think he should create an emergency fund by diverting £40 per month of his current pension premium into a building society account. His Sun Alliance contract will allow this without the contract being paid up.

The building society account should be used to support his earnings when times are hard and make lump sum payments into a Pep or his Sun Alliance personal pension at the end of the financial year, if possible.

If Mr Meltzer's drawings increase in three years' time, he could consider making single payments into a Sun Alliance pension, using carry-back provisions to take account of unpaid premiums in previous years.

He should replace the term assurance with pension term assurance to gain tax relief. We would not recommend that he sets up any other mortgage savings vehicles because of his financial uncertainty. Similarly, we see no point in addressing his negative equity position unless he needs to move house, as the value may rise.

The partnership's financial security should be used to protect itself and its partners' income, by setting up partnership assurance, critical illness contracts and permanent health insurance to pay out on any partner's death, disability or long-term illness.

☐ **John Edwards, Berry Birch & Noble:** Mr Meltzer is already paying 6.6 per cent of his present income into a pension. Unfortunately with a partnership there is little or no advantage in the company paying the pension, unlike a limited company, since the partners are essentially treated as being self-employed.

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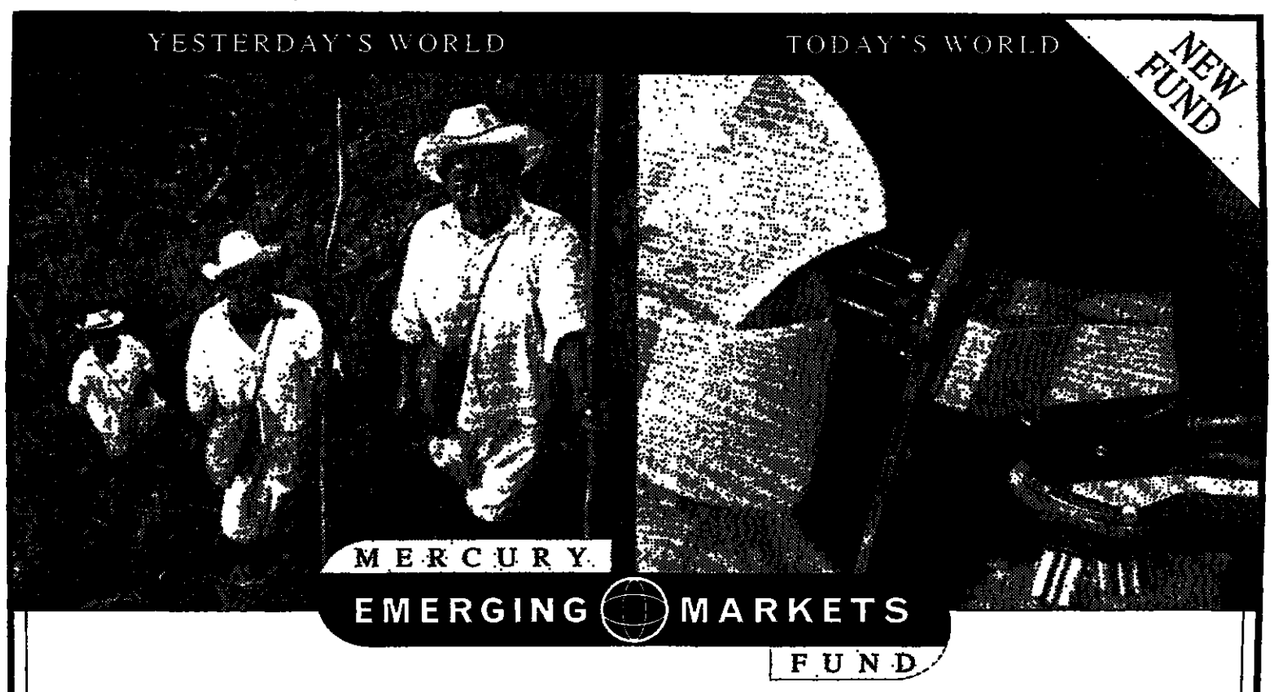

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Share exchange is no robbery

Margaret Dibben says BT3 sellers could do well by using share exchange schemes

Number's up: Stephen Dorrell, Treasury financial secretary, calling time on a share issue the government said was a big success

THE time for selling BT3 shares through share shop special offers is running out. Norwich and Peterborough Building Society's stockbroker, Waters Lunniss, has been charging £9.50 but after next Friday returns to the normal minimum commission of £17; other BT3 deals end over the next three months.

Then, anyone wanting to sell small parcels of shares, whether or not privatisation stocks, has three choices: find an execution-only stockbroker who will charge a minimum commission of between £20 and £50; seek out a very low price no-frills share-dealing service charging about £10 (such as Skipton Building Society, Killik & Co and the Share Centre); or swap the shares for unit trusts or investment trusts through share-exchange schemes, very often free of selling charges.

There is a good argument for exchanging a miscellaneous collection of small shareholdings for collective investments because they provide a wider spread than you could manage on your own.

Not all unit trust and investment trust groups run swap schemes but a good selection do. You hand over your existing shares to the manager who will sell them on your behalf or take the shares into his or her own portfolio. Jain Castiau, head of marketing at Barclays Unicorn, explained: "Just get your certificates together, fill out a piece of paper which we provide and we will do the rest."

There are two stages to the deal where charges might be imposed: first selling your existing shares, and then using the proceeds to buy into the unit trust or investment trust of your choice. Some groups make no charge at all to sell; others charge between £10 and £15. When you buy the units or investment trust shares, you pay the usual buying charges.

You can put the proceeds into a personal equity plan but the money will not be reinvested straight away because the Inland Revenue insists fund managers have the money before the Pep is opened. You might have to wait up to two weeks. Barclays' minimum for a share swap is £5,000, among the highest. Other groups take from £200 to £2,000-worth of shares.

Among investment trusts, Henderson Touche Remnant charges nothing to sell your shares and 1 per cent to buy. The minimum shareholding is £250, but James de Saussmarez, managing director, said: "If your shares don't total £250 you can top up with a cheque."

Fleming investment trust group usually charges a flat £12.50 to sell but each month the managers cut the price to £7.50 for certain named shares. This month these are Hanson, BTR, Williams Holdings and Tompkins. Next month Fleming will take any BT shares free of charge. Buying costs 1 per cent with a minimum £1 and maximum £50 to move into any of the group's trusts.

If you are thinking of dumping your BT3 shares, wait until after August 16. On that date they go ex-dividend so you will still receive the next dividend payment after you sell. Eric Hathorne, research director at Henderson Crosthwaite, said: "One of the main arguments for buying BT3 was the good dividend so it would be unwise to forgo it."

INTEREST RATES ROUNDUP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c: Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.75	3.75	3.00	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.70	3.70	2.96	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.23	3.23	2.58	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.32	3.32	2.66	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	3.75	3.75	3.00	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528655
" " "	3.80	3.80	3.04	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	3.47	3.47	2.78	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	3.38	3.38	2.70	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland IRMC	3.37	3.42	2.74	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.75	3.82	3.06	2,000‡	none	0800 555884
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	10,000	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank Intst Cheque Acct	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Northern Rock	5.25	5.25	4.20	2,000 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock	5.63	5.63	4.50	20,000 min	Postal	——
Bristol & West	4.75	4.73	3.78	50,000 min	30 day	——
Woolwich	5.89	5.89	4.71	50,000 min	90 day	——
Bristol & West	6.38	6.38	5.10	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Northern Rock	5.44	5.44	4.35	10,000 min	Postal	——
North of England	5.63	5.63	4.50	25,000 min	30 day	——
St Pancras	5.81	5.81	4.65	50,000 min	60 day	——
Woolwich	5.70	5.70	4.56	25,000 min	90 day	——
Universal	6.26	6.26	5.01	50,000 min	1 year	——

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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c*	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	6.25	4.69	3.75	20-100,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-250,000	3 mth	0253 766151
6th Index Linkd*	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
40th Issue Cert*	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Rate†	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond*	4.75	4.75	3.80	1,000-250,000		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Prosperity Life	4.82	4.82	4.10	25,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Prosperity Life	5.30	5.30	4.51	25,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Prosperity Life	5.77	5.77	4.91	25,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Financial Ass	6.25	6.25	5.31	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Laurentian Life	6.35	6.35	5.40	50,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RATES		**HOLIDAY RATES**	£ buys
RPI (June 92-93)	+1.2%	Spanish Pesetas:	202.00
Bank Base Rate	6%	French Francs:	8.62
Personal Loan	26%	Greek Drachmas:	347.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2355.00

TESSA	CAR (%)	£3,000 ret 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investmt	Telephone number
Hinckley & Rgby	8.05	£3,241.50	90 days loss	£25	0455 251234
Dunfermline	8.00	£3,240.00	1mths notice+loss	£3,000	0383 721621
St Pancras	8.00	£3,240.00	£25+30days notice	£10	071 7942331
National Cnty	7.90	£3,237.00	90 days loss	£3,000	0372 742211
Tipton & Cnty	7.85	£3,229.50	£20+7days notice	£1	021 5572551

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BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Britannia 0538 399399	3.99	negotiable	90	After 4% discount for first 6 months
Cheltenham & Glos. 0452 372372	4.00	to £70K	80	Rate fixed to 28.2.94
Yorkshire 0274 740740	4.49	to £250K	94	After 2.5% discount for 6 months
BANKS				
TSB England & Wales 021 600 6020	5.75	£20 to £100K	95	Rate fixed to 31.9.94
BANKS				
BNP Mortgages 071 895 7447	5.85	£15-150K	95	After 2% discount for 12 months

Source: Bisy's MortgageMatch, further info. Bisy's Guides: 0768 680462

LETTERS

High premiums charged to insure homes built on firm foundations

From Mr Tony Timbs

Sir, The steep rise in premiums for insuring domestic buildings cannot entirely be attributed to claims for storm damage and subsidence as the Association of British Insurers would have us believe. Premiums in granite areas are reduced because the subsidence risk is minimal. However, local authorities in the Winchester area, backed by local architects, take the same view about chalk. Yet we all have an excess clause for £1,000 written into our policies.

In 1991 "domestic mortgage indemnity losses" cost insurance companies £1.2 billion, and in 1992 £750 million. According to the ABI these are covered by "special arrangements", which they do not disclose.

The real culprits are those who devised the unfair postcode system for fixing premiums. Because of this, chalk-dwellers in the thickly populated parts of the South-East are paying more than they should. They are the "special arrangements".

Yours faithfully,
B. A. TIMBS,
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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	402	+2	11.5	3.6	15.3
265	179	Allied Irish	265	+1		4.3	
187	130	Aus NZ	151			5.0	
380¾	271½	Bancamerica	301¼				
241	177	Bk of Ireland	240				
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350			5.6	17.7
162	116	Bank Scotland					
510	362	Barclays	496	+2	4.5		
4½	2	Benchmark					
21	15	Carlisle					
527	395	Cater Allen			27.0	6.4	
133	95	Cattles					
2450	1787	Chase Manh					
2237	1343	Citicorp					
397	250	Close Bro					
£129¼	9275	Commerzbk				3.0	
£204¾	1257	Deutsche Bk				3.0	
94	45	First Nat Fin				2.0	
1634	876	Fuji Bank	1605				
460	343	Gerrard Nat	466			0.5	
716	490	HSBC	700	+2	21.5	3.8	12.4
697	474	HSBC HK	698	+14	19.0	3.3	17.1
382	243	Hambros	380			3.4	16.5
363	313	Joseph (L)	345		14.0	4.6	17.6
155	96	King Shaxson	135		6.6	6.0	
493	312	Kleinwort Ben	491		9.0	5.2	
591	402	Lloyds	542	+4	16.0	4.1	16.7
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	87	+10	14.4	4.2	15.6
481	322	Nat Aust Bk	473		3.0	4.3	17.2
512	398	Nat West	498	-4		4.5	16.4
417	270	Provident	417	+6	17.5	4.4	29.7
47	39	Rea Bros	41		11.4	3.4	14.1
305	207	Ryl Bk Scot	296	+5	6.5	1.5	43.6
1180	467½	Schroders	1155	+10	8.8	3.2	
886	576	Stand Chart	884	+8		1.2	21.6
215	139½	TSB	214	+3	20.0	2.6	
176	78	Union Disc	176	+2	6.4	3.6	
789	529	Warburg SG	762	+4			
271½	195	-do- 6¼% 'A'	271½	+8		3.0	19.7
7850	6843½	Wells Fargo	7600	-12½		2.6	
185	121	Westpac	163			1.4	
250	184	Wintrust	240		9.3	5.3	

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	592	-10		4.4	16.1
647	441	Bass	626	-5	15.9	3.0	16.4
299	189	Boddington	267	-2	7.3	3.4	15.6
430	362	Bulmer (HP)	420			3.0	16.8
159	129	Burtonwd Brs	146				
377	261	Devenish (JA)	364	-4	4.7	4.1	12.0
105	75	Eldridge P 'A'	103	-5	7.9	2.6	21.2
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	54½			7.9	21.2
405	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	395			5.0	16.0
480	363	Grand Met	429	-9	7.4	3.3	16.0
427	347	Greenalls Grp	365	-6		3.7	13.6
563	505	Greene King	555			4.0	12.1
516	437	Guinness	470	-4		2.8	15.7
281	230	Hardy Hanson	245		7.6	3.2	16.7
125	105	Heavitree	115		3.2	4.0	13.6
347	255	Highland Dist	346	+5	6.0	3.3	27.4
3138	2538	Hoi J	2925		41.0	1.8	19.1
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56				40.3
323	250	Invergordn Dist	263	-2		3.1	16.2
186	157	Macallan-Glen	161		0.9	0.7	36.2
405	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	390			2.6	18.6
855	655	Mansfield	783			2.5	14.0
283	231	Marston Thmp	255			3.5	16.6
432	304½	Matthew Clark	430			5.0	
300	253	Mrydwn W	294	+4	7.0	3.0	
545	455	Morland	525		8.4	2.0	29.9
12	6½	Paramount	10½			2.1	18.2
167	145	Regent Inns	167			3.4	16.7
975	753	SA Breweries	906	-22		3.0	15.1
482½	408	Scot & New	449	-1		4.7	14.0
225	181	Taunton Cider	204	-1	6.0	3.7	16.7
248	213	Vaux Group	242		9.3	4.8	16.2
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	276			2.2	25.3
512	435	Whitbread 'A'	507	+2		4.4	13.7
1180	850	-do- 'B'	1156	-45		1.9	29.1
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	531	-13	11.4	2.7	14.9
515	475	Young 'A'	475	-3	14.5	3.8	19.6

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115			9.7	
27	13	Albrighton	17	-1			
123	67	Allen	114			3.5	25.8
93	65	Amec	93	+1	3.0	4.0	17.2
12	4	Anglia Sec	12				
246	155	Ashtead	246	+3	4.5	2.3	
142	101	Attwoods	105	+2	5.0	6.0	15.2
240	180	BPB Ind	234	+1		4.0	40.2
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	74		3.1	5.3	24.9
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	25½		0.5		
105	74	Barcon	104		1.2	1.5	18.9
50½	32½	Bardon	43	+1	2.0	5.8	21.2
158	94	Barratt Devs	158	+3	2.0	1.6	17.6
412	305	Bellway	410	+4		3.7	23.8
33	15	Bellwinch	33				
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	413	+5		1.8	25.9
99	45	Bett Bros	99	+3		0.6	4.1
63	36	Blockleys	51		1.0	2.5	56.3
273	189	Blue Circle	269	+5		5.2	
285	230	Boot (Henry)	276		5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	89		4.6	6.5	21.5
121	82	Br Dredging	115	-1	5.2	5.7	25.5
83	45	Brit Fittings	68		1.5	2.8	
151	99	Bryant	141½	+2½	4.8	4.2	30.3
81	53	CALA	76		2.3		
286	205	CRH	285	+1		3.2	18.1
43	21	Cakebread Rby	21				
46	23	Costain	34½	+1½			
138	86½	Countryside	127			4.0	33.6
70	38	Crest Nicholson	63	+1	0.0		
94	28	Cussins	93	+1			
3	1½	Dunton	2½				
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	17		0.5	3.7	
260	178	Epwin	255		6.8	3.3	21.6
51	32	Erith	46		0.3	1.0	
443	252	Eve Group	428	+5		2.9	
6½	3½	Expiaura	3½				
140	97	Freeman Gp	129			4.8	20.5
50	38	Galliford	41		4.3		16.5
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	54				
915	695	Gleeson (MJ)	910		12.7	1.8	14.8
125½	90	Hewden-Stuart	125½	+1		3.2	28.5
51	28	Hewetson	46			3.5	33.4
311	186	Heywd Wlm	305	+2	12.5	5.1	
106	37	Higgs & Hill	92		2.5	3.4	
35	26	How Gp	28			6.7	
30	15	Howard Hldgs	19		0.5	3.3	
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	66	+1	1.0	1.9	
19	12½	Jarvis	18				
279	196	Laing (J)	278	+6	9.0	4.0	11.1
114½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	114½	+1½		7.0	
85	55	Ln Clydeside	85	+3	4.5	6.6	32.0
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	14½				6.6
320	240	Manders	316		9.0	3.6	19.4
145	93	Marley	145	+2	4.2	3.6	42.5
96	61	Marshalls	96	+1		5.2	66.1
175	122	Maunders (J)	159	+1	4.9	3.9	14.6
214	96	McAlpine (A)	203	+2	6.5	4.0	35.1
40	23	McCarthy & S	34		0.5		
388	272	Meyer Int	366	+3		3.4	36.7
129	62	Mowlem (J)	114	+3	4.0	4.4	
109	51	NSM	108				
53	48	Needler	48			3.7	23.3
169	106	Newman Tnks	168			5.9	22.4
300	197	Persimmon	268	+2	8.6	4.0	27.3
31	20	Phoenix Timber	25				
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525		29.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	127	-1	3.4	3.3	
6½	3½	Quiligotti	3½				
815	555	RMC Gp	799	+4		3.1	31.4
117	75½	Raine Ind	83		6.0	9.0	13.9
36	20	Ramus	22				
529	402	Redland	526	+8	25.0	5.9	30.6
79	64	Roskel	77		4.3	7.0	11.3
296	207	Rugby Group	275	+1	6.4	2.9	21.1
42	23	Svrlid-Rve	41				
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	109			4.6	19.0
183	86½	Sheffield Insl	183			3.7	44.9
124	82	Sheriff Hldgs	124			2.0	18.5
95	66	Sborco	72			9.0	16.4
228	196	Smart (J)	215	+5	8.5	4.9	9.8
6½	2½	Starmin	3½		0.3	10.7	
149½	103	Tarmac	149½	+6	5.5	4.6	
194	137	Tay Homes	153		5.8	4.8	9.8
120	63	Taylor Woodrw	118	+3	1.0	1.1	
618	433	Tilbury Dougls	584		33.0	7.1	19.0
39	19	Torex Hire	35			1.4	
246	168	Travis Perkins	237	+4	8.0	4.2	41.7
40	30	Try Group	33		1.0	3.8	9.3
28	26	Tudor	26			1.2	
74	41	Vibroplant	67	+1	2.5	4.8	23.6
65	20	Ward Hldgs	52				
36	25	Waterhouse	30				
475	360	Watts Blake	435			3.4	18.8
26	8	Wescol	22				
152	90	Westbury	145	+3	5.0	4.3	22.6
12	4½	West Scaffold	7½				
12	5	Wiggins	9				
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	417	+15	8.7	2.6	28.6
205	147	Wilson (C)	186	+9	3.9	2.1	32.2
190	104	Wimpey G	185			3.5	
47	25	YRM	34		0.5	1.8	

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	570	+5			
228	198	Adam & Harvey	205		12.0	7.3	
92	56	Air London	65			6.7	8.0
56	37	African Lakes	51		2.0	4.9	
178	125	Auto Sec	158	+2		4.2	28.3
136½	84	BET Ord	136½	+6		3.0	5.5
93	41	BNB Res	90	+2	4.9	6.8	
318	258	BPP	294		8.0	3.4	16.2
285	195	Barbour Index	198		8.0	5.1	
22	15	Boustead	21		0.7	4.2	
365	184	Brit Data Mgt	229			2.2	19.1
26	11	Broadcastle	25				19.9
73	54	Brooks Service	60				
104	86	CRT Gp	95		2.8	3.8	
178	139½	Caplia Group	161			1.8	25.0
45	31	Casket Plc	42½	+½		2.4	16.1
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	20	+1½			
51	26	Christie	45				
340	228	Chubb Sec	337			1.8	20.9
96	18	Comace	85			2.2	21.2
30	6½	Corp Services	26				
52	20	Coutts Cnsltg	49				
110	50	Dart	110		3.3	3.8	14.9
233	198	Davis Service	233	+1		4.3	17.6
104	85	EW Facia	91		4.3	5.0	10.4
28	11	Gardiner	27½		0.6		18.9
246	215	Hays	242	+3	4.6	2.4	23.8
220	174	Hogg Robinsn	220	+5		3.8	16.0
70	36	Holmes Protectn	57				2.4
193	127	Hutch Whamp	193	+7		2.4	16.4
2062½	975	ISS B DKr	2062½	-137½		5.1	2.7
637	519	Inchcape	564	+12		3.0	19.6
863	669	Johnson Clean	820		25.7	3.9	17.9
12	2½	Lep	8½				
244	173	Mitie Gp	241	+2	3.5	1.8	
1187	893	Manpower	1030	+31			
52½	40½	Michael Page	52½		1.8	4.3	22.3
279	189	Penna	199			6.6	7.1
4½	2	Prime People	2½				
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	120			13.5	6.6
423	337	RCO	337	-1	12.6	5.2	11.4
118	100	REA	100		4.0	5.0	
103	43	Reed Executive	98			5.3	
156	110	Reliance Sec	110				
238	178	Rentokil	205	+8	2.3	1.4	25.6
283	220	Rolfe & Nolan	223			4.0	12.6
399	334	Salvesen (C)	361½	+6½		2.7	19.8
35	26	Scott Pickford	27			3.7	8.6
343	164	Securiguard	339			4.2	18.0
6½	5	Select App	5½				
993	695	Serco Gp	993	+5	14.0	1.8	27.5
352	135	Sherwd Cmpa	144			6.1	4.2
130	90	Skerchley	98			3.8	22.4
355	310	Warner Howrd	328	+5	6.5	2.5	17.1
45	27	Welpac	35				
26	14	Wills Gp	23½			0.5	32.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	244	-1		2.2	21.5
838	613	Amersham	818	-3		2.1	28.3
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2				
£102½	8325	BASF DM	£100	+1½		3.2	
283	199	BTP	272	-3		4.3	18.7
£119	£101½	Bayer DM50	£115½	+5½		4.6	
178	134	Blagden	156		9.5	7.6	16.8
165	93	Brent Chems	111	+6		8.3	10.2
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	345	-5			
29	12	Caird Gp	14½		7.2	11.7	39.6
153	126	Canning (W)	129			7.1	14.8
608	504	Courtaulds	570	-10		3.0	15.4
295	228	Croda	290	+2		3.3	18.9
149	121	Docflex	138		4.6	4.2	12.3
219	175	Ellis & Everard	209		7.0	4.2	
33½	15½	Euro Colour	33½	+½	0.8	3.0	20.5
309	259	Halstead (J)	309			2.4	15.5
241	187	Hickson	194	-14		5.2	18.0
£114½	8850	Hoechst	£108½	+125		5.2	
225	195	Holliday Chem	211	-2		2.2	19.4
710	608	ICI	676			5.2	

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
549	396	Laporte	635	+2	19.5	3.0	17.2
223	161	Leigh	201			5.0	18.9
97½	45	MTM	47	+2			
1787½	1062	Norsk Hydro	1787½	+25		1.6	25.4
451	370	Paterson Zoch	451		11.4	3.2	19.5
427	360	-do- 'A'	406		11.4	3.5	17.5
264	225	Plysu	226			3.0	14.7
243	171	Porvair	243	-1	5.6	1.9	26.0
14	7	Scallifie Speak	13½				
475	412	Wardle Storeys	413		16.0	4.8	16.6
490	395	Wolstnhlme R	480		17.0	4.4	16.4
401	370	Yorks Chem	364	-1		2.7	18.8
310	236	Yule Catto	257	+1	5.9	2.9	15.7
666	571	Zeneca	666	+10		5.3	16.1

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	51	Alexon	60			6.3	
57	42	Amber Day	71	+2	3.1	5.5	19.5
337	257	Argos Plc	317	+5		2.6	28.6
25	12	Ashley Group	16½			2.6	28.6
116	69	Ashley (Laura)	107	+2	0.1	0.1	
305	178	Asprey	293		5.1	2.2	20.3
134	94	Austin Reed	118			2.6	
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148			5.1	14.9
121	94	Bentalls	99		1.9	2.4	
279	218	Betterware	265	+2		0.9	11.7
35	22	Blacks Leis	31		2.2	9.5	
237	173	Body Shop	218			1.0	28.1
25	11½	Brown & Jackson	15½			4.2	12.8
401	318	Brown (N)	378			0.6	7.7
87½	64	Burton	78½			2.1	22.2
145	126	Cantors	142			3.2	
146	116	Church	141			2.4	18.9
183	97	Clinton Cards	158	+18	12.5	4.6	30.5
250	212	Coats Viyella	247		4.2	3.4	19.1
112	78	Colourvision	96			3.7	20.1
690	576	Courts Furnish	672		5.0	7.5	16.7
155	115	Crown Eyes	140	+2	5.5	1.0	8.4
121	60	Dolly Farm Ind	121	+3		6.5	
79	51	Dewhirst (I)	70	+3		2.8	19.2
281	190	Dixons Grp	236	+9	1.0	1.6	25.4
413	320	Dunhill	356	+3	8.1	2.9	13.6
21	12	ERA Gp	16				
541	400	Els (Wimbldn)	505		16.0	4.1	16.9
153	71	Essex Furn	153			2.2	25.9
255	200	Etam	255				
604	499	Fine Art Dev	604	-1	6.9	3.4	23.4
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	37		12.7	2.6	19.7
543	498	Forminster	538		14.0	3.3	
138	24	French Conn	118	-4			
68	43	Gent SR	56		2.0	3.8	19.4
56	38	Goldsmiths Gp	56		0.1	0.2	
3625	2400	GUS	3600			1.5	28.2
2006	1563	-do- 'A'	1985	-14		2.8	15.4
40	31	Hampden Grp	31	-1		4.0	15.4
277	30	Harlstone	59			5.9	
25	20	Helene Plc	24		2.0	10.5	11.3
71	20	Heritage	71				
71	35	Honeysuckle	71	+1		1.8	10.1
123	83	Jacques Vert	123		3.0	3.1	
650	496	Kingfisher	636	-1		2.7	20.8
74	62	Lesur Wise Gp	70		4.0	7.3	14.1
685	495	Liberty	568		7.2	1.6	66.9
320	241	Lloyds Chem	274	+1½	5.5	2.5	10.7
152	120	MFI	147	+3		1.2	10.4
365	311	Marks Spencer	357½	+3½		2.8	19.6
527	445	Menzies (John)	501	+1		2.7	14.1
225	175	Moss Bros	225		5.5	3.1	26.4
237½	139½	Next	203	+5½	2.5	1.5	24.2
40	15	Oliver (G)	33	+1			
301	197	Ordiane Intl	303	+21		4.0	
63	44½	Pentos	48	+1	1.5	3.9	10.0
313	185	QS Hldgs	210		5.1	3.1	15.0
41½	11	Ratners Group	39½	+1			
35	27½	Rhino Grp	34½	+½			
181	135	Sherwood Gp	147			2.2	13.2
109½	93	Sears	109	+5		4.0	
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	464	+12	13.4	3.6	16.3
15	4½	Specialeyes	12				
219	176	Storehouse	211	+8		3.0	27.2
191	148	T & S Stores	156		5.9	4.7	11.6
141	71	Tie Rack	141	+2	1.0	0.9	23.1
220	160	Time Products	213		7.5	4.4	18.4
100	63	Usher (Frank)	99			6.3	7.8
45	27	Vival	34		1.0	3.7	10.5
40	34	Wensum	34			6.7	
120	78	Wickes	114				50.6
78	45	Wid of Leather	69				
198	146	Wyevale	183			2.7	24.2
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½				

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	187	+7		3.3	18.8
240	223	Acala	233			3.4	16.2
162½	38	Acorn Comp	115	+2			58.3
480	385	Admiral	444	+2	5.4	1.5	18.8
151	104	Alba	151			4.1	18.5
40	19½	Alphameric	27				
38½	22	Amstrad	35	+½	0.4		
128	65	App Hldgs	68				
38	13	Arlen	36	-1			
69½	35½	Astec	69				
293	250	Beales Hunter	258		9.4	4.7	
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	5½				
444	319	BICC	443	+13	19.2	5.4	30.0
575	440	Bick	440	-9	9.2	2.6	17.1
1700	1150	Borland	1250				
383	274	Bowthorpe	365	+9	6.3	2.2	23.8
445½	376	BT	424	+½		4.7	19.6
182	150	BT P/P	180	+2		4.4	20.8
11½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11		0.1	1.1	
180	110	Burnfield	138		5.7	5.2	21.8
826	669	Cable Wireless	811	+13		2.3	26.1
21½	11½	Chloride	20½				
258	229	CML Micro	253			2.3	18.4
115	74	Comptr People	105		0.6	0.8	
164	108½	Cray Elect	149	-½		1.3	15.0
397	243	Crichley	397	+4		1.9	
551	414	Delta	548	+2		3.2	22.6
342	205	Dennans El	342			2.2	14.6
620	395	Domino	396		7.2	2.3	13.5
65	48	Dowding Mills	58		2.3	5.4	19.1
1040	865	Dracks	1025		10.0	1.2	
452	358	Electrocomponts	452	+4		2.2	18.4
580	470	El Data Prc	550		5.1	1.3	15.1
108	43	Electron House	108		2.6	3.1	
30½	10½	Emess	30		0.1	0.5	
598	442	Eurotherm	585	+1	8.0	1.7	26.6
153	108	FKI	153	+2½		2.5	22.4
450	340	Farnell Elect	449	+5		1.7	23.8
90	33	Feedback	90			2.1	11.7
18	9	Ferranti	12½				
254	101	Flux Tech	247		1.0	0.5	
270	81	Forward Gp	265			1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	20				
357½	264	GEC	343½	-1		3.7	17.4
192	132	Graseby	190	+9		7.1	40.4
11½	7½	Graystone	10	+½			
39	36	Hilicare	36			1.7	11.7
169	83	INSTEM	145			2.7	10.4
388	320	Jones Stroud	368	+5	8.8	3.0	
19	8	Kembrey	16		0.1	1.2	
323	280	Kenwood App	304		5.8	2.4	
216	97	Kewill Sys	196	+4			
207	100	Kode	188		5.5	3.7	22.3
60	16	Laser-Scan	56				
365	122	LBMS	253	+5		0.4	
308	235	Lee Refrig	273		9.0	4.7	
179	134	Life Sciences	143	+5	3.5	3.1	15.5
269	164	Logica	260	+2	3.6	1.9	28.8
54	34	LPA Ind	47			9.4	13.3
212	162	MR Data Mngmt	190	+2	4.3	2.8	18.1
683	523	Macro 4	655	-3		2.4	22.0
635	327	Memrie-Sw	630	-5		2.2	
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1830	+10			16.9
227	147	Microgen	147		7.2	6.2	10.0
34½	23½	Microvitec	25½				
529	357	Misys	509	-1	7.0	1.7	
437	98	Mitel	326	-7			
138	108	MMT Comp	126			3.5	16.0
36	16	Molynx	33½	+2	1.3	4.9	
272	202	MTL Instr	236	+1		2.1	16.3
165	105	Multitone Elect	119			3.5	3.7
191	116	Murray Enter	191			1.8	1.2
6412½	5225	NYNEX	5937½	+25			
188	135	Neotronics	135		2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61				
190	58	Norbain	189	-1		1.0	
75	20	Northamber	61		0.6	1.2	
15½	9	Oceonics	11				
283	195	Oxford Inst	283	+1	4.5	2.0	19.3
83	48	P-E Internt'l	66	-1	1.0	1.9	
81½	29	P & P	70	+1	1.4	2.5	36.7
80	55	Peek	70		3.4	6.1	18.3
190	115	Pegasus	172	+4		4.6	44.1
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000			6.4	
1225	725	-do- Lmp nv	1225				
254	211	Phoenilink	251				
528	343	Pifco	524		7.7	1.9	44.4
503	303	-do- 'A' Voting	499		7.7	2.0	42.3
96	63	Plasmec	78			6.0	6.6
105	76	Pressac	105	+2	2.4	2.9	21.2
135	98	Psion	100			3.1	26.6
251	160	Racal Elect	241	-3	4.3	2.2	14.3
70	45	Radamec	56			3.3	12.0
70	35	Radius	35	-7	2.7		12.1
92	61	Real Time	79			4.9	
35	18	Rive	29				36.8
629	380	Sage Gp	416	-2	9.0	2.7	13.3
342	222	Sanderson Elec	320		9.0	3.5	13.6
78	49	Scantronic	76		3.1	5.1	19.2
155	117	Scholes Grp	145		5.0	4.3	28.5
371	270	Sema Gp	364		2.8	1.0	29.5
42	26	Silvermines	40			3.4	
50	37	Soundtracks	47			5.9	15.0
2675	1737½	TDK	2550	-25		1.1	31.2
27	4½	TDS Circuits	16				
155	80	Telemetrix	150	+3	0.8	0.7	24.7
976	809	THORN EMI	935	-10		4.3	19.1
111	96	Thorpe FW	104		2.5	3.0	10.7
103	65	Total Systems	66	-1	3.0	5.7	11.7
445	372	Tunstall	445		6.0	1.7	17.8
278	164	Unitech	272	+3	6.1	2.8	
11½	6	Verity	6½				
35	24	Vistec	29			1.6	16.6
498	367	Vodafone	496	+13		1.8	22.5
445	368	Volex	445		17.8	5.1	17.8
26	11	Western Selecsn	24				
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	251	-2	11.7	6.0	

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	389	East Midlands	495			4.9	9.3
523	399	Eastern Elect	510	-1		4.7	10.2
362	304	Hydro-Elect	356	+3		4.1	12.6
525	404	London Elect	508			4.8	11.3
564	458	Manweb	553	+2		4.7	8.0
532	424½	Midlands Elec	519	-3		4.8	9.3
375	273	National Powr	352	-½		3.8	10.5
566½	440	Northern Elec	556	+3		4.8	8.0
145	100	Nthn Ireland	142			4.8	8.8
550	430	Norweb	547	+4	20.0	4.6	8.5
401	273	PowerGen	383			3.4	10.1
339	285	Scottish Power	335	+2		4.3	12.2
575	436	Seeboard	557	+4		4.5	9.0
582	464	Sth Wales	569			4.9	9.5
532	426	Sth Western	513	+2		4.9	12.3
527	406	Southern Elec	516			4.7	9.5
562	455	Yorkshire Elec	546	-1		4.7	10.3

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	50½		1.0	2.5	
109	47	BWD	101			4.0	15.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2275	1687½	Amer Express	2343½	-19½			
978	835	Henderson Ad	911			5.8	21.0
161	92	Invesco	158	-1		2.6	
330	214	Jardine Strat	318	+2		3.3	10.7
216	154	MAI	212½	+½	6.0	3.5	15.4
609	399	MAM	609	+9	15.0	3.1	15.2
878	613	M & G	875			3.1	23.3
289	109	Smith New Ct	289	+10		2.6	4.4
81	55	Trio Hldgs	76			4.9	

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	456	AB Food	492	+6	14.0	3.6	11.3
77½	53	ASDA Group	69½	+1		3.1	15.0
280	170	Arams & Hurch	280		6.5	2.9	16.2
76	55	Albert Fisher	68	+1	3.7	6.9	11.3
407	297	Argyll	320	+1		4.1	12.1
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	144	+5		7.0	2.9
220	160	Banks (S C)	210	-3	9.0	5.4	
402	310	Barr (AG)	330		8.5	2.5	16.7
85	57	Bensons Crps	69			5.2	15.5
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129				
455	357	Booker	418	+6		6.5	43.0
52	35	Borthwick	41			3.1	59.6
505	430	Brake Bros	501		6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	40		1.0	2.7	
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	482	+6		3.4	17.4
117	78	Carrs Milling	117		3.9	4.2	23.4
196	156	Cranswick	171			5.8	12.8
22	8½	Cullens	17		0.5	3.7	48.8
384	190	Dalepak	199	+11	6.0	3.9	
491	424	Dalgety	475	+11	19.5	5.1	13.8
54	27	Daniels S	52			0.6	
200	191	Devro	196			3.5	18.6
134	99	Everest	101			4.3	14.0
340	260	Farepak	338		5.7	2.1	
10	3	Partingford	8	+½			
94	64	Finlay (James)	69	+1		7.3	22.0
125	78	Fyffes	100			1.8	16.6
403	326	Geest	387	+2	8.1	2.6	17.4
12	7	Global	11½			5.4	17.9
45	43	Grand Central	44		1.2	3.6	
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	192	-2		4.3	10.9
171	131	Hillsdown	150			7.3	11.8
250	205½	Iceland Group	225	-1		1.9	20.1
131	103	JLI Group	105		4.6	5.5	
853	655	Kwik Save	663	+8	16.0	2.9	13.1
262	174	Low (Wm)	176		8.4	6.0	8.5
59	41	Matthews (B)	59		2.2	4.8	38.6
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	16	+1	1.1	9.0	31.2
174	124	Morrison (W)	150	+1		0.7	19.5
568	443	Nichols (JN)	540	+5	13.6	3.1	15.6
290	242	Nthn Foods	267	+2		3.9	13.3
22	11	Nthmbrn Fn	12	-2			
229	172	Nurdin Peack	211			3.6	12.1
235	205	Park Foods	220		6.0	3.4	
115	78	Perkins Food	86	+1		6.4	9.3
96½	47	PizzaExpress	85	+1		0.7	48.9
9	1½	Regina Hlth	6	+½			
584	426	Sainsbury J	471	-2		2.7	16.3
86	33	Sentry Farms	83	-2		2.3	14.9
225	99	Sims Food	99			9.5	19.1
439	357	Tate & Lyle	401	+2	12.0	3.7	12.6
273	195	Tesco	214	+5		4.1	9.9
183	123	Thorntons	143		3.6	3.2	13.3
183	101	Treats	150			3.0	17.0
395	300	Unigate	387	+5		5.2	12.7
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	381	-8		5.0	18.1
25	20	Usborne	25	+1	0.4	2.0	15.4
337	248	Watson & Phil	268		13.3	6.2	14.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	12	Abrdn Stk H	12				
89	77	City Centre Rest	85	+2	1.5	2.3	20.5
231	170	Forte	219	+2		4.3	17.2
220	155	Friendly Hotels	198		5.7	3.6	37.7
10½	5	Harmony Leis	10½				
110½	87	Jurys Hotel	107½			6.5	
215	154	Ladbroke	199	-1	11.1	7.0	17.0
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	71			4.4	19.0
99	44	Queens Moat	47½		2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7½% Cvpr	85		7.5	11.0	
2½	1½	Regal Hotels	1½				
55	28	Resort Hotels	45		3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	17			6.4	
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	840		7.0	1.0	
59	34½	Stakis	59	+2		1.0	

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	78	AAF Inds	105			10.5	6.4
616	455	AAH	492	+5		4.4	15.8
177	140	AIM	172		7.5	5.5	
132	88	APV	101	+2		6.7	
233	87	ASW	220	+3		3.4	
183	126	Adwest	183		7.0	4.8	26.0
28	10	Aerospace Eng	24½		1.0		14.9
518	434	Airsprung	481		9.0	2.3	15.4
150	113	Alendra W	49		3.8	3.2	41.2
13½	6½	Allied Radio	6½				
546	415	Alumasc	546		11.0	2.5	16.7
48	17	Alvis	40½	+½	1.0	3.1	8.3
475	345	Amber Ind	475			4.9	10.9
43	18	Amberley Gp	41			3.1	
107	78	Anagen	81				
145	85	Andrews Sykes	85	-3		6.5	
945	703	Anmlagasta	925	-18		2.2	27.1
50½	37	Armour	44½		1.4	4.2	13.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	153		6.4	5.2	15.6
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½			2.0	
541½	434	Avon Rubber	508			4.1	20.3
245	168	Assoc Nursg	245			0.5	15.0
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	680			4.2	16.3
61	35	Aynbire Metal	53				
177	147	BBA	174	+4		5.3	14.6
65	28	BLP Group	46				
23	13	BM Gp	17	+1	5.0		0.7
770	635	BOC	700	+5	23.2	4.1	15.4
79½	62	BSG	72	+2		5.6	25.1
487	353	BSS Group	439	+6		4.9	26.3
405	318	BTR	403	+7½		3.3	23.0
221	155	BWI	170	+7	6.7	4.9	16.4
43½	31	Babcock	43½			6.0	26.0
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½				
289	240	Baird (Wm)	262	-1	8.9	4.2	18.2
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	625	-18½		5.5	3.5
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	62			2.9	25.4
15	5	Beauford	7½				
8½	6	Beckenham	7				
34	15	Bedford (W)	27				
27½	15½	Benson Group	16½	+½	0.1	0.8	15.2
707	461	Bespak	513		10.0	2.4	
133	73	Bibby (J)	94	-1	9.7		5.5
312	129	Biliam (J)	256		5.0	2.4	12.9
41	21½	Bilston Burzen	32				
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5		0.6		
160	118½	Birkby	160		3.5	2.8	15.2
45	32	Black Arrow	37		2.6	9.2	
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½				
183	136	Black (Peter)	176	+1	2.9	2.1	18.1
323	129	Bluebird Toys	285			2.0	17.8
293½	247	Bodycote	279			2.2	17.8
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28		0.3	1.6	
563	416	Boots	487	+9		3.4	18.1
61	42	Booth Inds	47		0.7	1.9	
517	435½	Bowater	470	+4	11.5	3.1	18.6
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1339	-17			
248	199	Boxmore Intl	245	+3		1.9	18.3
19	12½	Brasway	14½		0.5	4.5	
279	204	Brammer	279	+4	13.0	5.8	30.8
22	12	Bridgend Gp	20		0.4	2.5	
119	64	Bridon	105	+2		4.8	74.4
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	80		4.1	6.4	15.0
42	31	Brierley Inv	39½	+½		8.0	9.7
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250			1.2	
59	42	Br Bloodstock	54				
528	417	Br Polythene	500			2.5	17.9
115	54	Br Steel	113	+1½		1.1	
180	100	Br Syphon	110			3.4	30.8
17	11½	Br Thornton	14½			2.2	
268	215	Br Vita	251	+1	7.1	3.6	15.4
15½	5½	Brinson Grp	15½	+1		1.5	
730	555	Broken Hill	677	-12		2.7	32.1
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	99			5.6	12.9
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	8½				
70	44	Brown & Tawse	52				
129	91	Bullough	128	+5	6.0	5.9	21.9
26	13	Business Tech	13				
25	17	Cl Group	24		1.0	5.2	23.1
25	11	Campbll & Arm	13				
34	6½	Cannon St	30	+1			
343	205	Cape	343			5.4	16.4
245	178	Carclo Eng	242		8.6	4.4	17.2
2880	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2550	+75		2.5	
78	60	Cassidy Bros	70			4.3	11.4
198	158	Castings	198		4.3	2.7	14.0
145	113	Chambrlin Hill	140	+5	6.2	5.6	8.7
707	605	Charter Cons	693	+5		4.0	16.3
295	220	Chemring	295	+8		3.5	17.8
92	47	Chieftain Gp	47½		5.1		9.9
35	17	Chillington	35		0.2	0.9	
204	144	Christies Int	183			1.0	
61	34	Chyhhite	60			5.2	
95	70	Clayton Son	85				
7	7	Co Designers	7		0.2		
400	320	Cohen (A)	325		6.8	2.6	
223	179	Community H	193		6.5	4.2	12.0
246	186½	Concentric	210			3.3	17.7
209	120	Cook (Wm)	199		5.0	3.2	11.8
220	182	Cookson	217			3.5	28.7
63	38	Copymore	61			2.0	18.6
238	130	Crowl Mr 'A'	151	+3	5.7	4.7	12.9
178	92	Cosalt	113		10.7		17.2
224	150	Creighton Nt	172			5.3	16.7
48	27	CrestaCare	42		0.5	1.5	36.3
3737½	2903½	Darm	3706½	+18½			
236	78½	Danka Bs Sys	224	+1		0.6	21.3

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221	161	David Brown	211	+5		3.2	16.4
18	5	Davies (D)	18				
711	672	De La Rue	687	+2		3.1	18.2
26	16	Dinkie Heel	26		0.9	4.8	23.7
534	391	Diploma	514		0.7	4.8	25.8
77	50	Dobson Park	72	+1		2.3	
114	82	Dyson (J&J)	111		5.0	5.6	
78	57	-do- 'A'	75		5.0	8.3	
16½	8	EPG	12½				
421	367	EIS	391	-1		3.0	19.5
28	19	Elbief	21				
43	19	Eleco	35		3.3		14.7
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2275	+209½		2.4	
86	45	Elliott (B)	80				
474½	334	Eng China Cl	455	+1		5.5	25.0
3237½	1592	Ericsson 'B'	2950	-46½		1.0	
53	32	Eurocopy	45		1.6		
87	47	Expamet	75	+3		5.3	1.8
675	499	Fairey Group	674		10.2	1.9	20.8
95	53	Fenner	80		4.2		
66	32	Ferraris Group	47			2.2	12.4
1½	½	Ferrometa	1				
29	23	Ferrum	24			2.8	11.0
51	28	Fife Indmar	45		0.5	1.4	
251	147	Fisons	172	+1		6.3	17.9
53	29	Forwthn	41			1.8	
289	215	Flogas	289			3.5	11.9
43	18	Folkes Group nv	35		1.5	4.9	21.6
76	56	French (Thomas)	70		1.6	6.5	35.1
218	160½	Frost Group	214	+1	4.0	2.4	9.0
85	71	GEI Int	74			8.3	
499	434	GKN	499	+9		5.2	32.8
51	42	GR Hldgs	46			5.4	
98	79	Garton Eng	94		4.0	5.1	
160	103	Gestetner	126		8.2	8.1	5.5
90	23	Glevés	81				21.7
801	509	Glaxo	529		17.0	4.0	14.6
38	16	Glenchewton	30				
416	245	Glynwed	309	+3	11.6	4.8	25.7
110	66	Goode Durrant	110	+4		6.3	
134	102	Grampian Hd	127	-1	5.5	5.4	23.1
407	341	Granada	410	+2	7.7	2.3	21.8
407	301	Great Ulnrs	394			3.5	16.2
90	78	Green (Ernst)	80			4.7	12.4
15½	8½	Greenacre	13½			2.5	11.6
17	8	Guardian Grp	11				
57	37	Hadrn Macln	53			4.7	19.1
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	76				
235	115	Hal Eng	228	+1	8.6	4.7	19.0
267	215	Halma	267	+1		1.2	26.9
49	11	Hampson Ind	39	+2	1.6	5.1	
269½	222	Hanson	249	+3		5.8	12.5
221	187	Harris (Philip)	208			4.1	12.6
194	147	Harrisn Crfld	192	+1	9.0	6.0	27.2
68	18	Havelock Eurn	68				
51	20	Hay (Norman)	41	+1			
28	17	Headway	27		0.7	3.2	14.2
13½	5	Healthcare	5			20.0	1.4
395	301	Hepworth	341	+3	14.8	4.8	10.8
231	160	Hewitt (J)	231		3.0	1.8	16.4
38	15	High-Point	35		1.3		
157	112½	Hill & Smith	157	+1		4.5	21.8
10½	6½	Hobson	9				
144	87	Holders Tech	144			5.3	18.5
49	30	Hopkinsons	47		1.3	1.5	19.4
167	133	Hornby	145	-3		7.8	13.7
83	54½	Howden	83	+1	2.2	3.4	
249	173	Hunting	245			5.1	20.7
430	269½	Huntigh Tec	425	+2		2.9	10.8
390	247	IMI	299	+9		4.2	25.5
112	90	ISA Intl	105		1.5	1.8	16.3
205	157	Intercare Gp	158			2.1	18.7
255	235	Isotron	242		1.9	2.0	15.5
528	360	Jardine Math	514	+15		2.3	19.9
537	425	Johnson Math	487	-3		2.6	21.3
64	47½	Johnson & FB	48		3.0	7.8	14.8
177	104	Johnston	154		3.2	2.6	
32	19	Jones Shipman	30	+5			
32	18	Jourdan (T)	29		0.7	3.2	
73	2½	Kalamazoo	71½		2.1	3.7	16.6
178	73	Kalon	158½	+5½		2.5	22.0
297	253	Kelsey Ind	260		13.0		
545	465	Kenthaw (A)	525		27.0	6.4	22.2
235	75	Kleeneze	196	-1			
143	61	LGW	141		3.0	2.7	11.7

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337	266	Laird	337	+7		3.9	16.6
155	110	Lilleshall	155	+1	4.2	3.4	19.1
153	97	Lincat	150			4.3	12.9
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse	17½				14.4
128	76	Linread	115		3.7	4.1	17.8
218	170	Linton Park	218	+5		8.0	7.9
15½	10½	Lionheart	12½		0.2	2.0	
22½	15	Locker (T) A	21		1.0	6.0	30.5
274	173	Lon Intl	199	+1	9.4	5.9	
138	70	Lonrho	127	+2		6.8	
371	269	Low & Bonar	371	+1		3.1	51.6
343	265	MB-Caradon	297	+4½		3.6	23.0
169½	135	-do- pf	145½	+½	7.2	6.2	
30	14½	ML Hldgs	30				
43	27	MS Intl	37			8.4	38.1
50	39	MY Holdings	44			2.8	13.4
208	168	Macfarlane	208	+2		1.9	23.6
443	379	McKechnie	442	+2	14.7	4.2	21.9
106	85	McLeod Russel	97	+1	6.0	7.7	11.8
10½	3½	Maddox	5	+½			27.3
86	63	Magnolia	85		0.1	0.1	13.7
105	71	Mang Bronze	92		1.0	1.4	
26½	20½	Marling	21½	-½		3.8	
192	124	Mayborn	184			3.4	15.3
55	29	Mayflower	55			2.8	45.9
236	97½	Medeva	116			2.4	9.4
113	88	Meggitt	112			4.2	19.1
120	98	Metalr	120			3.8	19.4
76	70	Metsec	76				
83	29	Midstates	76			1.2	10.6
25	14	Mining & Ald	24½		0.5	2.6	
488	368	Molins	450	-3		3.9	11.7
345	262	Morgan Cble	320	+15		4.9	17.1
182	134	Morris Ashby	182			3.7	13.8
31	18	Norpend	27		0.7	7.5	
60	34	Nesor-BNA	57	-1	3.1	6.9	13.6
191	122	Nobo Gp	183		4.8	3.3	
172	122½	Norcros	172	+3		5.1	25.1
51	35	Novo Group	45			3.7	14.1
413	310	Nu-Swift	330				
54	36	Office Elec Mac	54	+4	0.1	0.2	
39½	21	Old Intl	29	-½	1.7	7.5	
140	123	PCT	128			7.1	14.5
48	36	Pacer Systems	36			10.6	
138	101	Pentland	114	+1		2.7	15.5
386	310	Photo-Me	385	+2	4.4	1.4	19.6
145	97½	Pilkington	145	+2		3.4	
79	68	Plantsbrook	70		3.0	5.4	11.0
154	125	Polypipe	128½	-½	1.9	1.9	18.6
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	36			4.3	16.5
11½	5½	Porth Gp	9	-2			
376	306	Powerscreen	363			2.3	18.9
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½		0.7	5.3	8.9
54	33½	RPS Group	50		2.2	5.6	10.8
95	73	Radiant Metal	75				
185	77	Ramco Oil	123			1.0	41.2
799	636	Rank Org	750	+9	31.0	5.2	20.5
33	22	Ransomes	23				
657	532	Reckitt Colm	590	+5		3.4	21.4
77	50	Record	73		3.6	6.2	35.9
7½	2½	Reece	6½				
194	131	Relyon	188		4.9	3.3	22.6
303	208	Renishaw	255	+2	6.5	3.2	19.5
85	55	Renold	84			1.5	
1540	1240	Reuters	1535	+20	21.2	1.7	25.4
38½	24½	Rexmore	38½		1.7	5.7	9.5
138	91	Ricardo Group	138		5.7	5.2	38.8
68	58	Richard (Leics)	66		4.4	8.3	
83	63	Richardson West	75		3.0	5.0	19.2
128	109	Ropner	118		8.2	8.7	16.7
122	97	-do- 'A'	114		8.2	9.0	16.2
38	26	Ross Gp	26		0.6	3.1	10.6
182	131½	Rotork	181	+3		2.6	21.0
155	89	Rubicon	156			3.3	
65	43	Russell (A)	60			2.1	
29	15	SEP Indl	25			3.8	22.6
987½	625	SKF 'B'	987½	+75			
47	39	Saville Grdn (J)	47		2.2	6.1	
248	205	Scapa	227	+5		3.1	17.3
238	192	Scholl	212			3.7	15.4
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5				
950	917	Securicor	990		2.6	0.3	37.7
670	502	-do- 'A'	670		2.6	0.5	25.5
570	465	Security Serv	570		5.0	1.1	28.2
114½	77	Senior Eng	114			3.5	19.0
301	289	Seton Health	290			2.5	17.1
68	42	Sheldon Jones	65				

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135	88	Shiloh	126		2.9	2.6	15.6
344	281	Siebe	295	+5		4.2	18.3
548	427	Siebe	544	+9		2.3	22.0
345	322	Silentnight	345			2.9	22.3
124	102	Simon Darby	116			3.9	14.5
62	35	Simon Eng	51	+2	5.0	12.3	11.7
269	194	Sinclair (Wm)	195		7.2	4.5	12.6
47	36	Six Hundred	37			5.9	
164	139	Smith & Neph	147			7.6	19.8
513	399	Smiths Ind	484	+11	8.6	2.4	16.1
420	340	Smithkline Uts	397	+10		3.4	14.2
396	320	Smiths Ind	379	+5		3.7	15.5
140	59	Slthz Bus	69			2.2	4.8
413	305	Spandex	393			2.2	17.5
650	302	Spear (JW)	550		4.2	3.2	
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	347	-1		3.3	22.0
145	44	Spring Ram	69	-4		0.6	18.2
240	208	Staveley	240	-1		4.6	
162	125	Sterling Ind	148			4.7	22.7
26	11	Stonehill	24½				
176	97	Suter	176		8.8	6.2	18.4
361	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	342	+7		2.6	
5	4	Sycamore	4				
76	43	Sykes Pick	61				
275	240	Sytone	275			2.9	12.1
363	279	TI	358			4.3	18.3
23	12	TLS Range	16			2.9	24.2
300	228	TT Group	287	+1	6.6	2.2	17.1
240	250	Talcare	238	-2	1.8	0.9	19.8
853	639	Taarda Chem	824			2.5	21.9
56	26	Tex Hldgs	55				
109	70	Thsley (L)	94			2.2	
25	50	Trane	2			3.3	15.5
245	212	Tomkins	241	+6½		2.3	21.8
110½	67	Trafalgar H	104	+2		1.9	
570	446	Transfer Tech	525	+1	16.0	2.8	12.2
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	173			3.3	
351	214	UniChem	349		5.6	3.2	14.4
291	229½	Unitare	349			6.2	12.4
12	11½	Unigroup	67				
1249	938	Unilever	960	-1	21.3	2.8	13.1
8112	6362½	Unilever (NV)	6450			2.4	18.2
915	513	VSEL	890	+1		4.1	9.4
9½	6½	Vernon	9				
155	99½	Vickers	155	+6			
367	243	Victaulic	281	+1		3.5	13.9
425	283	Vinten	425	+4		3.1	19.8
694	427	Vosper Thorn	652			2.0	15.8
46	41	WSP Hldgs	45			8.1	11.7
468	368	Wagon Ind	404	-3		5.5	17.3
86	71	Waker Greenbk	84		3.7	4.5	21.4
258	201	Wassall	245	+2	2.5	1.3	24.7
36	28	Watford Wdgs	36				
372	291	Weir	372	+1		2.0	21.1
903	603	Wellcome	676	+8	13.0	2.4	18.2
33½	19	Wellman	30		1.9	5.3	32.5
304	250	West Flithcare	304	+3		2.5	19.5
510	400	Whatman	498		9.5	2.4	16.9
353	267	Whessoe	305			3.3	11.8
84	55	Whitecroft	64	+2			
8½	4½	Widney	7½				
93	44	Wilkes (James)	88	-1	3.5	5.0	25.7
365	295½	Williams Hldg	332	+6	12.5	4.7	17.4
34½	17	Wilshaw	33½			1.9	32.9
661	533	Wolseley	640	+5	12.5	2.5	22.3
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125		1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	40			3.2	
59	38	Young (H)	56		3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1662½	+6½		3.8	
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2075	+50		3.2	
47	30	Archer (AJ)	45		4.4		21.9
148	118	Bradstock	143	+1	5.1	4.5	17.5
498	359½	Britannic	443	+3		3.2	
655	556	Com Union	653	+8		4.7	
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1558			1.4	25.7
30	18	FAI	29	-1			
691	546	Gen Accident	687	+2	26.7	4.9	
209	160	GRE	206	+1	7.0	4.2	17.1
390	293	Heath C E	390	+7		5.1	
228	168	Hogg Gp	218	+1	8.1	4.7	19.8
218	164	JIB Group	212		7.5	4.4	21.5
513	408½	Legal & Gen	496	+4		4.8	30.1
1092	768	Liberty Life	996	-55		2.9	17.3
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	431	+8	17.3	5.0	15.5
352	253	Lloyd Thomp	331		5.6	2.1	34.4
368	274	Londn & Man	346	+8	14.2	5.1	25.5
425	321	Lowndes Lmb	425		13.5	4.1	14.9
6743½	5600	Marsh Mcln	5912½	+50		2.9	
97	76	Oriel	92			6.8	
68	50½	PWS	66		4.0	7.6	9.6
349	282½	Prudential	327	+4		4.5	21.7
1138	800	Refuge	966		31.5	4.1	26.7
362	248	Royal	342	+3		2.4	
208	153	Sedgwick	207		6.0	3.6	24.9
261	205	Steel Burrill	251	+7		6.6	14.8
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	63		8.2		6.4
396	307	Sun Alliance	388	-3	14.2	4.6	
61	50	Trade Indemnity	55				
321	239	Transatlantic	321		12.0	4.7	29.8
773	499	Utd Friendly	634	+1	14.5	2.9	27.6
238	171	Willis Corroon	235	-2		3.5	50.5
20	13½	Windsor	19	+1			14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1759	1548	Alliance	1759	+29	45.0	3.2	38.5
264	226½	Amer Trust	262½	+1	4.9	2.3	54.5
385	304	Ang & O'seas	385	+4	6.8	2.2	48.7
139½	124	BZW Conv	135	+½	7.8	7.2	15.8
174½	133½	Bankers	174½	+1½	3.4	2.5	48.0
298	264	Baring Tribne	295	+3	6.4	2.7	46.6
181	131	Berry Starq	181		2.2	1.5	58.8
107	96½	Br Assets	105½	+½		5.1	25.8
76½	57½	Br Empire Sec	76½	+½	0.8	1.5	77.6
26½	14	-do- Wnts	26½	+½			
183	156	Br Inv	181		4.5	3.1	40.8
176	130	Contl Asset	175		2.4	1.7	58.2
195	143	Derby Inc	144	+1		12.4	8.7
270	195	-do- Cap	268				
73	62	Drayton Blue	68	+1	8.4	15.4	7.6
76	35	-do- Eng Intl	72	-1	1.2	2.1	
132	84	-do- Far East	131		0.6	0.6	
122	95	-do- Korea	115	+1	0.5	0.6	
631	576	Dunedin Inc G	624	+5	25.4	5.1	28.7
98	94	-do- Japan	97				
50	38	-do- Warrants	50				
658	513	-do- Wwde	658	+10	9.5	1.8	67.6
276	222	Dundee & Lon	276	+1		4.1	25.5
290	250½	Edinburgh	290	+3½	8.4	3.6	31.7
268	183	Electra Inv	266½	+½	6.7	3.1	36.3
179	141	Electric Gen	179	+3	3.1	2.2	
110	85	English Scot	110	+3			
285	205	European Asset	285	+1		2.6	34.7
112½	77	Finsbury 'A'	112½	+1½	3.0	3.3	36.2
290	248	Fleming Amer	287	+½	0.7	0.3	
212	190½	-do- Claver	212	+1		3.2	41.8
297	212	Do Contl	297	+2	2.7	1.1	
192	147	-do- Emp	192	+3	4.7	3.1	
301	213	-do- F East	301	+2	1.1	0.5	
306	246	-do- Fledg	301	+1	3.0	1.2	
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	99	+2		5.6	16.9
246	136	-do- Japan	244		0.3	0.2	
271	250	-do- Merc	270	+2	6.7	3.1	57.8
273	212	-do- Oseas	273	+4	4.0	1.8	65.2
246½	203	Foreign & Col	246½	+2	3.3	1.7	67.1
211	164	-do- Euroos	211		1.2	0.7	
112	87	-do- German	112	+1	0.5	0.6	
294	191	-do- Pacific	294	+2	1.9	0.8	
155	116	-do- Smaller	154½		1.8	1.5	78.1
256	145	GT Japan	251			0.6	
140	65	Genl Cons Cap	140	+5			
129½	96½	-do- Inc	115			9.5	11.5
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	135				
292	184	-do- Oriental	292	+3	0.9	0.4	
264	207	-do- Strategy	264	-4		3.2	36.4
384	340	Greenfriar	384	+1		2.1	57.7
19	5	Gresham House	19				
53	47	Independent Inv	52	-½	0.6	1.4	
138	124	Inv Cap	134		5.1	4.8	26.9
95	77	I&S UK Smlr	94	-1	2.8	3.7	26.2
192	150½	Kleinwort Chrt	192	+1	5.0	3.3	37.4
224	176	-do- O'seas	224	+3	3.3	1.8	63.6
127	108	-do- Smlr	122	+½	4.0	4.1	29.6
654	540	Law Debenture	654	+11	18.2	3.5	32.4
190	164	Majedie	189	-1		3.1	36.0

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
381	296	Airtours	379		7.2	2.4	13.4
64	42	Ald Leis	62		4.7		17.5
377	134	Anglia TV	373	-1		3.5	15.4
133	63	Baldwin	77		3.0	4.9	19.5
264	142	Barr & W 'A'	239		10.0	5.5	14.8
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1195		22.0	2.3	17.4
153	90	Border TV	136			3.1	
16½	4½	Brent Walker	5½				
58	48	Bristol Scots	53				
8	2½	Buckingham Int	5½				
292	152	Campari	137	-1		10.9	
307	271	Capital Radio	300		5.2	3.3	23.1
819	719	Carlton Comm	764	-11	17.0	2.8	22.5
230	159	Castle Comm	176			6.0	16.1
2300	1615	Central TV	1975		38.0	2.4	21.5
83	61	Chrysalis	68				
590	470	Compass Gp	531	-2		3.1	15.9
350	175	Eurocamp	210	+16	9.7	5.8	8.7
1180	621	Euro Disney	688	-25		1.8	
8	3½	Euro Leisure	3½	-1			
36	16	Ex-Lands	33	-1			
390	245	FairLine Boats	286		10.5	4.9	
378	314	First Leisure	330	+2	6.1	2.3	22.7
515	298	GWR Gp	505			1.7	26.0
239	149	Grampian	228		6.1	3.3	15.8
15	4½	Greenwich Comm	14				
62½	19	HTV Group	52				23.1
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	48			5.2	
17½	5½	Kunick	11				
490	262	LWT CP	472			1.3	21.8
475	327	Man Utd	435		18.0	5.2	15.0
148	59	Owners Abrd	66	+3	3.5	6.8	5.2
66	33	The Pelican Gp	63	+2		2.2	
160	55	Prism Leisure	140	-1		2.9	
29	16	Quadrant Grp	29				
318	224	Radio Clyde	295	-3		3.6	23.1
178	132	Ramsdens (H)	166			3.4	22.0
553	431	Scot TV	521	+1	9.9	2.4	25.6
40	37	Southern Radio	38	-1	0.7	2.6	15.8
250	166	Stanley Leisure	248	-1	4.3	2.2	
10	5	Sunleigh	9				
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120		3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345½	Tanjong	345½			0.4	
2½	1	Ticketing	2½				
117	84	Tottenham Hot	100				3.2
78	44	Trans World	55			1.8	20.1
481	274	Ulster TV	475		10.0	2.6	14.6
101	62	Vardon	97	-1	0.7	1.0	22.9
22	11	Wembley	14½		0.2	1.7	
36	7½	Whitegate	36				
215	110	Yorkshire TV	198		12.0	7.6	6.0
120	83	Zeners Gp	120		8.0	8.6	

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	4925	-146½		4.2	23.7
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1437½	-31½		6.5	7.2
2300	1125	Ang Am	2800	-121½		3.3	17.3
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	29½				
133	33	Blyvoors	124	+5		4.9	6.8
46	18	Bracken	29	-3			1.5
871	233	Buffels	657	-21		10.0	
2½	1	Botte	2½				
684	546	CRA	653	-13		3.2	21.0
43½	11	Cluff Res	33½				
1300	762½	De Beers	1225	-25		3.9	16.5
165	37½	Deelkraal	127	-10		1.6	
96	7	Doornfontein	54	-3			
913	388	Driefontein	716	-50		4.3	
709	120	Durban	569	-59			
201	47	E Rand Gold	135	-10		8.6	3.8
270	54	E Rand Prop	218	-17			
604	117	Elandsrand	448	-67		2.7	10.4
899	282	FS Cons	720	-51		7.1	8.6
80	8	FS Dev	65	-3			
1675	725	GFSA	1450	-94		2.8	22.8
180	125	Gencor	152	-9		6.5	11.8
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	53	-3½		2.6	13.0
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	-1			
187	49	Grootvlei	127	-34		8.2	7.5
360	78	Harmony	318				
425	87	Hartles	298	-44		6.6	
14	8½	Inocoa	13				
1020	491	Impala Plat	964				21.8
13½	6	Kenmare Res	8½				
1080	332	Kinross	904	-68		5.6	9.9
913	319	Kloof	712	-59		3.1	
137	25	Leslie	102	-14		4.1	10.2
219	13	Loraine	181	-27			
840	600	Lydenburg	840	-40			24.1
116½	81½	MIM	105	-4½		2.2	47.9
1265	820	Minorco	1090	-67		3.4	12.9
136½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	133	-2		3.7	30.5
2287½	610	Orange Free	1850	-150		7.1	14.1
709	607	RTZ	677	-3		3.8	25.4
637½	425	Rand Mines	606½	-12½		9.7	2.7
671	150	Randfontein	544	-34		5.5	
192	115	Renison	166	-9		2.7	16.1
1209	850	Rustnbrg	1075			3.1	
595	191	St Helena	511	-33		4.8	10.3
2168	475	Southvaal	1867	-135		3.1	32.3
109	18	Stilfontein	94	-6		6.7	16.3
156	58	Unisel	126	-7		2.5	12.2
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	5250	-250		4.2	9.0
582	134	Welkom	481	-34		7.0	14.2
351	26	Western Areas	275	-27		2.6	
2512½	587½	Western Deep	2162½	-162½		2.9	9.9
283	176	Wstrn Mining	263	-5			
1029	323	Winkels	837	-135		1.2	6.8
84	36	Zambia Copper	60	-2			
68	18	Zandpan	63	-2		4.9	

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	233		3.0	3.0	12.0
125	95	Airflow Stream	125		5.2	4.6	
141	82	Appleyard	141			3.9	14.6
285	203	Blechley Mtr	285		6.0	5.0	26.7
152	120	Bostrom	151		7.0	2.0	
435	165	Br Aerospace	435	+10			
52	19½	Burndene	49			3.0	13.0
343	303	Caffyns	343		11.5	4.2	69.4
11	4½	Caverdale	10½				
143	98	Central Mtr	133			3.8	33.6
29	18	Cook (DC)	27			2.8	
267	156	Cowie (T)	256		6.2	3.1	19.3
125	86	Dag Motors	118		5.7	6.1	21.3
142	102	Davnprt Vern	142	+2		1.6	17.9
285	155	ERF	228	+1	2.0	0.9	
131	92	European Mtr	129		3.5	3.4	
339	208	Evans Halshaw	339	+4	11.2	4.1	52.2
290	226	FR Group	261			3.4	12.2
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3512½	-75			
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	3237½	-43½		1.6	
65	38	Gowrings	63		2.0	4.0	
193	85	Henlys	190	+2	3.0	2.0	
896	650	Honda Motor	876	-20		0.6	
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	28				
106	66	Jessups	93		4.5	6.0	
163	97	Kwik-Fit	163	+7		2.6	29.1
412	281	Lex Service	400	+2		3.4	21.6
158	85	Lookers	158	+1	6.2	5.0	
152	126	Lucas	148	-4	7.0	5.9	
27	21	Malaya Grp	23				
274½	234½	Pendragon	261			2.2	21.7
193	106	Perry Gp	191		6.0	3.9	
176	108	Quicks Group	176	+1		3.2	22.5
153	99	Rolls-Royce	147	-3		4.3	
208	164	T & N	208	+3		6.5	33.3
201	163	Trinity Hldgs	191			3.6	
156	125	Vardy (Reg)	156		4.2	3.4	
235	121	Westland	228		4.2	2.3	20.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	143		4.0	3.5	15.2
340	315	Black (A&C)	335		13.5	5.0	13.7
608	423	Blenheim Gp	465			2.4	17.3
370	275	Bristol	340			4.3	30.7
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9425		130	1.7	21.2
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9400		130	1.7	21.2
305	251	Dorling Kind	296			1.3	27.3
373	322	EMAP	339	+2		2.9	20.9
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1058		28.5	3.5	23.8
237	170	Harrington K	208	-1	4.5	2.7	17.0
383	233	Haynes Pub	383		6.0	2.0	16.5
355	343	Hodder H'line	344		5.0	1.6	29.3
140	99	Home Counts	140		6.0	5.4	
140	30	Intl Bus Comm	139	+9			20.1
9	6½	Int Cm & Data	8				
366	240	Independent	365			3.5	16.4
551	395	Johnston Press	551		6.2	1.4	23.8
288	243	Metal Bulletn	288	+2	8.0	3.5	20.3
167	88	Mirror Gp	157	+1			
390	207	News Corp	304	-2		0.3	26.5
245	169	News Intl	244			0.5	16.9
484	354	Pearson	469	+3		3.2	28.6
675	510	Portsmth Sund	624			1.9	17.2
666	618	Reed Int	652	-8		3.3	28.1
148	98	Southnews	142			1.8	26.3
162	90	Sterling Pub	160	+2		2.4	17.4
401	328	Telegraph	383			3.0	10.1
825	715	Thomson Corp	795		25.4	4.0	
378	313	Trinity Intl	372		8.7	2.9	22.3
39	34	Unit Group	36				
593½	480½	Utd Nwspaps	549			4.9	16.2

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
35½	17	Aran Energy	29				28.2
61	37	Arcon Intl	38				
69½	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	66½	+2			
83	26	Aviva Pet	72				
16	9	Beverley	12½				
186	145	Br Borneo	186	+7	7.1	4.8	5.6
320	276	British Gas	308	+3½	14.2	5.8	14.9
326	225	Br Petroleum	309	+3	10.5	4.3	24.1
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½				
757	675	Burmah Castrl	743			4.2	17.3
65	32	Cairn Energy	55				7.9
268	223	Calor Gp	256	+3		5.9	21.3
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	49	+½			
44	27	Copley Res	42	-2			
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	18½				
521	397	Enterprise	451	+5	16.0	4.4	55.7
88	40	Exp Co Louis	40				
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	24			2.3	9.1
67	45	Goal Pet	56		1.4	3.1	10.7
44	18	Gt Western Res	40	+2			
163½	104½	Hardy O & G	146			0.9	13.6
46	18½	Kell Energy	40				
195	133	LASMO	137	-1	3.3	3.0	27.8
103	63	-do- Units	79		4.4	15.0	
24	10	Mid Scot Res	13	+1			

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
132	130	AG Holdings	126				
331	249	API	303			3.1	22.4
208	144	Arjo Wiggins	201	+1		4.6	19.1
517	408	Abbott Mead	515		4.3	2.2	25.4
1½	½	Acsis Group	1½				
40	13	Aegis Gp	34				
212	119	Aspen Comms	150	+5		4.1	
13	7	BBB Design	11				
380	234½	Bemrose	374	+2		3.0	18.8
33	12	Birkdale	15		0.2	1.7	
138	119	Bunzl	135	-1	4.0	3.8	20.1
292	257	CIA Gp	292	-1		1.9	18.6
232	93	Capital Inds	232			1.4	20.2
74	44	City of Lone	68				
236	169	Chipper (Dunn)	232			3.1	22.4
6	3	Crown Comm					
92	51	Delyn Pckging	91			2.3	15.2
117	94	Dolphin Pack	103	-2	4.5	5.5	25.4
76	42	Dudley Jenkins	73				
15½	12½	Elexis	12½				
73	41	Fairway Group	70			5.0	16.4
323	271	Ferguson Intl	314	+2		5.0	18.4
108	97	Ferry Pick	105				
124	74	Filofax	116				
21	14	Flex	18				
112	69	Gibbon Lyons	112				
295	247	Gold Greenless	287		4.1	3.1	
41	20	Goodhead	38		0.5	2.6	
88	35	Humerprint	54				
185	136	Interurope	165		7.4	5.7	10.8
264	191	Jarvis Porter	247			2.4	
32	15	Lopex	28				
299	175	More O'Ferrall	298		13.2	5.5	
106	48	NMC Group	105	+2	2.0	2.4	14.1
130	66	Osborne & Little	128			4.5	13.7
517	455	Portals	473	+2		3.5	16.4
256	167	Quadrant	252		5.3	2.4	14.6
347	257	St Ives Gp	316	-1	5.2	2.1	21.1
185	142	Saatchi	171	+4			
474	331	Sappi	460	+5½		2.1	5.4
30	11½	Serif	25				
37	14	Shandwick	35				
394	294	Smith David	380	+5	0.2	2.2	
295	214	Smurfit Jeff	249	-1		1.1	13.5
65	45	Somic	65				
246	185	Stat-Plus	239			4.4	20.4
25½	16½	Taylor Nelson	24		0.3	1.5	21.4
66	34	TMA	65			5.5	18.5
93	40	WPP	90			1.4	3.4
156	62	Wace	140			2.0	
245	201	Waddington (J)	245	+2		3.0	15.4
723	543	Watmough	706		11.5	2.0	27.5
7	4½	Westport	5½				
34	12	Whinney Mck	26				
87	55	Wood (SW)	72			2.2	15.4

(Trusts and other)

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
263	221	Merchants	262	+2	10.6	5.1	24.3
5925	3700	Merrill Lynch	5800	+19½			
462	383	Monks Inv Tr	462	+2		1.8	58.9
128	108	Mntg Gren Inc	128	+1		4.5	28.4
38	23	Do Warrants	38				
51	39	Murray Euro	50	+1	0.1	0.4	
15	6½	Do Wts	15	+1			
335	282	Murray Income	335	+3		4.0	31.9
319	265	-do- Intl	314		11.4	4.5	28.3
352	263	-do- Small	352	+1	4.2	1.5	
137	93	-do- S/C Inc	93			14.2	9.1
119	73	-do- S/C Cap	119	+6			
3050	2750	-do- S-C 13s	2950	+50		4.9	
150	142½	-do- S/C PP	150				
282	230	-do- Vent	282	+2		4.6	22.2
86	50½	New Frontier	85		0.2	0.4	
95	68	Northing Inc	77		6.7	11.0	14.4
326	249	Otens Inv Tr	324	+4	2.8	1.1	
401	295	Pacific Assets	401	+1	1.1	0.3	
305	187	Do Warrants	304½	+1½			
8250	7650	Personal Assets	8250	+50		2.4	49.3
156	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	154	-1	1.1	0.9	
123	108	River & Merc	123	+1	9.2	9.5	12.0
403	390	Robeco	403	+2		3.3	
403	346	Rolinco	403	+2		2.0	
268	214	St Andrew Inv	268	+3	7.5	3.5	35.9
149	121	Scot American	149	+1½		3.4	31.3
213	138	Scot Asian	213	+3			
485	225	do Warrants	483	+3			
76	63½	-do- Eastern	76	+1	1.5	2.5	49.9
213	183	Scotinc	212	+1	4.6	2.7	44.0
207½	176	-do- Mngr	207½	+3½	4.0	2.4	51.8
89½	71	-do- Value	89½			2.5	63.7
1546	1360	Second Allnce	1546	+21	36.5	3.0	41.5
86	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	85½	+½	3.2	4.8	28.3
149	109	Selective Asset	140	+2	1.2	1.0	51.6
29½	14	Sphere Inv	29½	+1	3.1	13.5	0.3
150	112	TR Far East	150	+2	4.5	3.8	32.6
150	112½	TR City Of Lon	146½	+2	4.8	4.1	
154	110	TR Pacific	153	+1½	0.3	0.3	
30	17	TR Property	29	+1	0.9	3.9	30.4
77	47	TR Tech Inv	76	+1	1.7	2.8	29.3
192	146	TR Smlr Cos	191	+1	3.8	2.6	
340	283	Temple Bar	339		11.2	5.0	25.2
92	69	Thrgmn Asian E	90		0.5	0.7	
28	54	Throgmorton	27	+1	2.1	4.0	29.4
533	363	Throg Dual Cp	533	+18			
215	176	USDC Invest	215	+2	4.5	2.6	39.6
132	75½	Value Inc Tst	132	+1	3.6	4.0	28.2
625	542	Whitbread Inv	625	+4	16.5	3.3	37.7
208	181	Witan	208	+3½	5.6	3.4	36.4

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
47	34	Monument	42½	+½			44
9½	4	New London	8				
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	25			2.4	4.3
35	22	Oil Search	30				
15	11½	Petrol	15				
13½	69	Pict Pet	133				
29½	19	Premier	27½				
115	50	Precoin	115			5.0	
393	290	Ranger	330			5.2	
6412½	5150	Royal Dtch Pt	6350	+34½		5.7	14.6
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4162½	-34½		1.6	
62	47	Seafield	53				
648	515	Shell	636	+6	21.9	4.2	13.7
203	177	Sunrise Eng S	179				
41	21	Triton Europe	36				
12½	6½	Villiers Grp	12				
172	141	Woodside	147	-2		2.4	

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
89	41	Allied Lon	88	-1	3.5	5.0	75.9
67	58	Arcadian	63				
96	52	Asda	96			3.7	10.1
139	88	Avonside	132	+2	4.0	3.6	15.5
2637½	2062½	BCE	2250				
602	396	Bilton	602		16.9	3.9	21.9
76	21	Bourne End	76	+6	1.0	1.6	
219	150	Bradford	216	+1	5.4	3.1	21.9
23	5	Bredero	10½	+1			
366	166½	Br Land	365	+1		2.4	33.3
235	140½	Brixton	234	-1		4.5	18.3
72½	42	Burford	71			3.0	
158	99	Cap & Regnl	159	+1		0.9	
185	120	Cardiff Prop	185		2.4	1.6	
400	196	Chesterfield	400	+4	11.0	3.4	28.0
34	12	City Site Ests	34	+3	1.4		
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21				
50	34	Conrad Rbin GS	46			1.4	
1180	818	Daejan	1180	+5	27.0	2.9	
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½				
98	53	Debenham Twsn	82		3.0	4.6	
12	4	De Morgan	8				
141	76	Dencora	131		3.0	2.9	
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	478		8.6	2.2	99.6
40½	10	Development Sec	38½				
55	25	Dwyer	52				
260	170	Estates Agency	260		3.0		23.8
27	7½	Estates Gen	18				
209	132	Evans Of Leeds	209			2.7	18.5
30	11	Five Oaks	29½				
60	30	Fletcher King	60		1.0	2.1	30.8
425	270½	Frogmore	425	+7		4.4	24.7
200	97	Grainger	184		5.2	3.6	41.1
204	116½	Gt Portland	202	+4		6.2	19.3
26½	7½	Greycoat	19½		5.2		
146	101	HK Land	145	+5		4.5	19.8
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	69				
387½	257½	Hammerson	362	+4	10.0	3.5	36.6
663	245	-do- 'A'	331	+3	10.0	3.8	33.5
250	127	Helical Bar	249	+1		2.4	8.9
31	19	Hemingway	30				
132	56	Herring Baker	65	+3	3.7	7.2	16.3
153	133	Jermyn	138				
650	435	Land Sec	649	+9	22.8	4.4	19.6
100	73	Lon Merch Sec	99		4.0	5.1	
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	4				
482	315½	MEPC	482	+14		5.2	20.7
9	5	McInerney A	9				
130	90	McKay Secs	130		3.5	3.5	
7½	3	Markheath	6		0.5		
49	12	Merivale Mre	46		1.0		
5	5	Merlin Intl	5				
40	29	Moorfield Est	38				
1250	775	Mountview	1200		20.0	2.1	11.9
146	112	Mucklow (A&J)	145		5.9	5.1	20.4
46	30	Olives Prop	37		1.5	5.1	
10½	3½	Ossory Est	5½	+½	0.1		1.7
135	88	PSIT	130		4.1	4.0	
262	138	Peel	261		4.0	1.9	
16	7	Power Corp	7				0.7
48	22	Property Trust	41	-2			
75	43½	Raglan	45				
29	11	Regalian	20				
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130		1.5	1.5	34.5
38	16	St Modwen Prp	35½	+½	0.6	2.1	27.0
70	39	Savills	56			2.2	22.2
82	34	Scot Met	81	+2	1.5		
105	39	Shaftesbury	103	+1			
15½	5	Shield	10				5.2
238	139½	Slough Estates	227	-2		4.5	15.9
82	56	Southend Prop	59	-2	4.2	9.0	
28	16	Stanhope Prps	21				
177	114	Tops Ests	174		2.1	1.5	61.5
123	79	Town Centre	123	+2	3.1	3.2	23.0
83	43	Trafford Park	78		2.5	4.1	21.0
66	3	UK Land	8	-1			
9½	4	Union Square	5				
245	180	Warner	245		10.5	5.4	22.4
202	168	Warnford	188		7.5	5.1	13.4
8	2½	Waterglade	2½				
78	35	Wates	77		0.7	1.3	
76	40	Wood John Da	67				

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagica	15				
153½	84	Headlam	146	-1		2.2	33.0
300	315	Lambert	315		13.0	5.2	7.7
100	51	Pittards	52		2.0	4.8	14.9
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27		1.0	4.6	7.5
187	89	Stylo	184			2.1	64.3
59	53	UK Safety	59			23.8	1.9

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	496	-3	12.6	3.2	15.8
69	54	Beckman (A)	63		4.7		12.5
33	21	Bolton Gp	29				14.8
170	141	Br Mohair	170		8.5	6.2	15.9
53	15	Charnwell	40				
345	298	Claremont Ga	331		1.2	2.7	20.7
601	522	Courtauld Text	560	-1	13.6	3.0	15.3
53½	24½	Cupid	29				
248½	205	Dawson	219	+1		5.1	16.7
34	22	Drummond	34	+1			
37½	27	Dunkeld	28				
81	65	Faupel	81			7.6	12.5
34	15	Foster (John)	30				
133	82	Gaskell	116		4.2	4.6	
198	156	Hicking Potest	191			2.6	14.3
59	45	Jerome (S)	54				
365	249	Lamont	327	-2	12.0	4.6	21.6
506	353½	Leeds	478	+1		1.9	23.1
42	15	Lister	37		0.1	0.3	
122	78	Lyles (S)	88		4.9	7.0	10.0
180	89	Magellan	157	+1	1.4	1.1	
158	69	Parkland 'A'	149	+1	2.0	1.7	
102½	82	Readicut	93½			4.6	17.6
53	35	SEET	43	+2			
101	72	Sirdar	99		5.1	6.5	17.4
72	44	Stirling Gp	69		1.8	3.4	16.6
51	37	Stoddard	44			4.3	40.9
312	250	Tomkinsons	300		11.5	4.8	25.9
62½	32½	West Trust	36			8.7	
208½	126	Yorklyde	182			3.6	11.9

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	453	+12		5.1	13.6
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	668	+10	11.5	2.2	13.2

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
449	349	Assoc Br Ports	449	-15		2.4	
813	707	BAA	798	+9		2.5	19.8
347	249	Br Airways	340	-1		3.9	18.7
106	56	Clarkson (H)	88		1.5	2.1	
23	23	Davies Newman	23				
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	466	+7			
52	44	Fisher (James)	49		1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	157			0.8	
200	147	IoM Steam	198			5.1	10.4
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	32	-1	0.5	2.0	
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	79			1.6	15.4
2800	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2775		4.5	0.2	15.1
382	280	Mersey Docks	382		7.5	2.5	24.5
244	181	Natl Express	242			3.7	17.3
284	230	NFC	257		6.5	3.2	19.5
320	244	Ocean Group	316	+1		5.7	26.3
65	40	Ocean Wilson	59		4.0	8.5	10.7
674	504	P & O Dfd	669	+9		5.7	30.3
154	127	P & O 5 1/2%	153			4.5	
558	448	Powell Duffryn	540	+2		5.2	20.9
141	117	Sentron	138			4.0	8.7
141	112	Stagecoach	135	-2		3.5	
43	24	TIP Europe	42		1.4	4.2	10.2
60	31½	TNT	50	-½			
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	750	+2	11.8	2.0	29.8
382	173	Tiphook	236	+1	19.3	10.2	
298	227	TDG	270	+3		4.4	3.9

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	488	+2		5.4	9.9
652	547	Northumbrian	588	+3		4.8	6.0
533	431½	North West	487½	+1½		5.5	8.7
533	439	Severn Trent	490	+2		5.3	7.4
554	454	Sthrn Water	513			5.2	8.5
1490	1225	Sth Staffs	1488		47.0	3.9	10.6
569	465	South West	518	+3		5.7	8.5
563	454	Thames Water	501			5.2	9.8
612	506	Welsh Water	582	+1		5.0	5.8
609	536	Wessex Water	588			4.6	8.9
593	473½	Yorkshire W	502	-1		5.3	8.5

Source: Firstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; .. No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100½	00⅛	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.62
106½	101½	Treas 13¼% 1993	102	-⅛	13.44	5.52
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	101	...	8.38	5.46
109½	105½	Treas 14½% 1994	105½	...	13.80	5.38
107	105½	Exch 13½% 1994	105½	-⅛	12.78	5.39
105	103	Treas 10% 1994	103	...	9.64	5.43
110½	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	...	11.67	5.37
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104½	...	8.62	5.41
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	...	11.01	5.46
96½	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96½	...	3.10	4.82
109½	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	...	9.45	5.60
116	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	114½	+⅛	11.12	5.73
120½	117	Treas 14% 1996	118½	...	11.83	5.88
125½	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	+⅛	12.41	6.03
120	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	118½	+⅛	11.22	6.01
111½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	111½	+⅛	8.99	6.15
122½	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	121	+⅛	10.93	6.30
113½	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113½	+⅛	9.28	6.30
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	108½	+⅛	8.06	6.33
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130½	+⅛	11.51	6.58
112½	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	112½	+⅛	8.69	6.50
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	103	+⅛	7.02	6.37
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	+⅛	6.69	6.49
129½	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	+⅛	10.90	6.88

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
139	133	Treas 15½% 1998	137	+⅛	11.27	6.70
122½	118	Exch 12% 1998	122	+⅛	9.81	6.85
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	112	+⅛	8.44	6.67
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	124½	+⅛	9.85	6.92
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	117	+⅛	8.95	6.79
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	117	+⅛	8.76	6.83
111	106	Conv 9% 2000	111	+⅛	8.08	6.79
131½	125½	Treas 13% 2000	131½	+⅛	9.89	7.13
116½	109	Treas 10% 2001	116½	+⅛	8.57	7.10
116½	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	116½	+⅛	8.36	7.20
106½	97	Treas 8% 2003	106½	+⅛	7.52	7.07
119½	109½	Treas 10% 2003	119½	+⅛	8.30	7.26
123½	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	123½	+⅛	9.30	7.37
78½	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	78½	+⅛	4.48	6.28
115	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	115	+⅛	8.21	7.39
115	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	115	+⅛	8.19	7.42
134½	126	Treas 12½% 2003-05	134	+⅛	9.32	7.62
104½	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	104½	+⅛	7.66	7.46
127	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	127	+⅛	9.21	7.58
108	97	Treas 8½% 2007	108½	+⅛	7.82	7.46
142	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	142	+⅛	9.50	7.64

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
113	101½	Treas 9% 2008	113	+⅛	7.95	7.51
104	92	Treas 8% 2009	103	+⅛	7.70	7.53
113½	100½	Conv 9% 2011	113½	+1⅛	7.91	7.56
114	100½	Treas 9% 2012	114	+1⅛	7.89	7.57
82	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	82	-1⅛	6.71	7.24
101½	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	101	-⅛	7.61	7.56
104	93	Treas 8% 2013	104	+1⅛	7.68	7.57
142	129	Exch 12% 2013-17	142	+1⅛	8.42	7.77
112	97½	Treas 8¾% 2017	112½	+1⅛	7.78	7.60

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
45½	38½	War Ln 3½%	45	+⅛	7.73	...
32½	27	Treas 2½%	32½	+⅛	7.63	...

INDEX-LINKED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134½	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	134½	-⅛	...	1.12
199	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	198	-⅛	1.84	2.66
109½	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109	...	2.23	2.83
168½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168	...	2.73	3.08
164	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164½	...	2.88	3.17
112	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	112½	...	2.92	3.20
172	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	172	...	2.99	3.21
157½	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157½	-⅛	3.11	3.31
163½	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	163½	+⅛	3.14	3.32
135½	122½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	135½	+⅛	3.17	3.33
144½	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	144½	+⅛	3.22	3.37
139½	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	139½	+⅛	3.26	3.39
116	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	116	+⅛	3.27	3.39
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	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	123.90	132.50	+ 1.20	1.11
International	95.51	101.60	- 0.40	.52
Dividend Gth	58.97	62.73†	+ 1.31	4.48
Global Gth Sec	62.84	66.85	+ 0.21	2.35
Ethical Growth	65.82	70.02	+ 0.58	2.26
High Inc Equity	156.50	166.40†	- 3.40	4.73
Worldwide Bond	269.70	285.90†	- 2.20	3.67
Gilts Fixed Int	134.10	142.20	+ 1.50	3.63
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6881				
Amer Inc Gth	44.01	46.44	- 0.20	0.67
European	85.98	91.10	+ 2.46	...
European Inc	81.54	86.51	+ 2.21	1.73
Exempt	923.70	951.20†	+ 7.30	3.23
Extra Inc	46.40	50.52	+ 1.13	4.57
F East Emerg Ec	90.37	97.53†	+ 2.33	0.66
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	406.10	434.10	+ 8.40	3.79
Equity Inc	224.90	240.40	+ 5.20	3.79
High Yield	250.20	267.40	+ 5.40	3.83
Balanced	666.60	712.50	+17.50	2.46
American Inc	49.30	52.70†	- 0.46	3.06
Wld Asset Val	42.53	45.46	+ 0.61	0.99
Japan	209.70	223.40	- 2.10	0.01
Secs of Am	418.60	445.80	- 0.80	0.57
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	326.40	347.30	+ 5.00	2.60
-do- Inc	231.30	246.10	+ 3.50	2.60
Higher Inc Acc	607.00	645.80	+12.80	3.47
-do- Inc	368.80	392.40	+ 7.90	3.47
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	183.00	193.20	+ 2.40	5.83
-do- Inc	95.90	101.20	+ 1.20	5.83
Nth America	251.60	267.70	- 6.00	...
Far East	322.00	342.60	+ 2.00	0.20
Europe	239.30	254.60	- 6.30	0.83
General Inc	444.10	472.50	+ 6.10	2.36
-do- Acc	487.20	518.30	+ 6.70	2.36
Brit Enced	65.99	70.21	+ 0.18	2.66
Brit Fodmuls Inc	71.58	76.15	+ 1.16	4.45
Brit Fodmuls Acc	92.26	98.15	+ 1.48	4.45
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	108.40	115.90	...	2.84
Euro Gth Inc	121.80	129.20	+ 3.50	1.79
Extra Inc	112.10	119.80	+ 2.60	4.67
General	251.10	268.60	+ 4.80	2.88
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.56	62.61	+ 0.77	7.91
Income	505.80	540.90	+12.50	4.26
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	94.16	99.94	- 0.96	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	123.90	132.60	+ 0.10	...
Convertibles	54.22	57.98	+ 1.09	7.10
Eastern	194.50	209.70	+ 6.00	1.60
Equity Income	86.27	91.77	- 1.74	6.30
European Gth	245.30	260.90	- 9.10	1.50
Europe	157.30	168.30	+ 5.70	1.50
Exempt	84.73	86.97†	- 1.59	3.60
German Growth	64.76	68.96	+ 2.83	0.70
Global Growth	112.50	120.30	+ 0.90	...
Japan Growth	209.10	223.80	- 1.70	...
Japan Sunrise	184.30	196.90	+ 0.60	...
Portfolio	124.50	133.10	+ 1.20	3.20
-do- Acc	221.80	237.30	+ 2.20	3.20
UK Growth	84.54	89.93	+ 0.72	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	86.04	92.02	+ 1.21	1.90
Select Managers	66.69	71.37	- 1.28	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	108.55	116.10	+ 1.75	1.87
-do- Inc	98.68	105.54	+ 1.58	1.87
Global Bond	30.22	32.06	+ 0.46	5.37
High Yield Acc	57.30	61.28	+ 1.38	3.50
-do- Inc	41.14	44.00†	+ 0.99	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	97.74	104.53	+ 1.69	1.35
-do- Inc	89.83	96.08	+ 1.56	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	60.29	64.48	- 0.55	...
-do- Inc	59.17	63.28†	- 0.53	...
Euro Gth Acc	110.91	118.24	+ 5.00	1.07
-do- Inc	109.39	116.62	+ 4.93	1.07
Mngd P folio	37.31	39.91	+ 0.74	1.29
Pacific Growth	107.86	115.38	- 0.89	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	96.07	102.75	+ 3.49	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	138.30	147.30	+ 4.60	2.84
Smaller Cos Acc	311.30	333.10	+ 3.30	...
Smaller Cos Inc	181.10	193.80	+ 1.90	1.12
High Inc	75.04	80.29	+ 1.79	6.53
Income	134.80	144.20	+ 3.30	3.81
Mngd P folio Inc	96.11	102.40†	+ 1.00	1.94
-do- Acc	183.60	195.50	+ 4.00	...
North American	106.40	113.40	+ 0.20	0.19
Orient	138.70	149.40	- 1.40	...
Recovery	42.36	45.53	+ 0.58	2.46
German	43.83	46.98	- 1.38	0.09
Intl Growth	35.68	38.00	+ 0.22	0.21
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	138.30	147.10	+ 2.70	1.70
UK Growth	151.10	160.80†	+ 1.10	2.08
UK Income	130.00	138.30	+ 2.90	3.99
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	90.58	96.88	+ 3.51	1.30
Growth	45.07	48.20	+ 0.26	2.78
Income	55.68	59.77	+ 0.53	4.13
Far East	51.11	54.66	+ 0.28	...
North American	90.58	97.40	- 0.69	...
Global	89.91	96.17	+ 0.64	0.63
European	74.28	79.40	+ 2.14	0.97
Japan	120.10	128.40	- 1.30	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	60.30	63.90	- 0.03	5.02
UK Cap Gwth	83.27	89.06	+ 1.00	1.89
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	132.80	141.30	- 0.60	0.23
-do- Acc	141.20	150.30	- 0.50	0.23
European	69.17	73.33†	+ 1.01	0.79
-do- Acc	72.59	76.95	+ 1.99	0.79
Far East Gen	69.85	74.31	- 0.75	...
-do- Acc	69.85	74.31	- 0.75	...
Glenfriars	270.20	287.50	+ 6.20	0.66
-do- Acc	304.20	323.70	+ 6.90	0.66
Growth	399.90	427.80	+ 5.40	2.17
-do- Acc	684.80	732.50	+ 9.30	2.17
Income Growth	390.90	415.90†	+ 7.70	3.72
-do- Acc	531.10	565.10	+10.10	3.72
Master Portfolio	9951.0	10339.0†	-25.00	2.05
-do- Acc	11592.0	12044.0	-29.00	2.05
Special Sits	91.46	97.30†	+ 3.73	2.14
-do- Acc	108.11	115.02	+ 3.24	2.14
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1268.0	1308.0	-25.00	4.18
-do- Acc	1496.0	1543.0	-29.00	4.18

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CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	193.20	206.10	- 2.90	1.60
Capital	555.90	593.30	+ 0.30	2.39
Eurotrack 100	136.90	145.80	+ 3.70	1.42
Euro Gth	87.46	93.28	+ 3.27	1.21
Far East Growth	98.35	105.00	+ 0.60	0.07
Global Bond	23.96	25.25†	- 0.13	5.94
Hong Kong	85.81	91.58	+ 4.16	0.75
Income	531.40	567.10	-11.20	3.76
Intl Growth	76.18	81.30†	- 0.63	0.17
Japan Growth	295.60	315.50	- 1.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.73	40.37	- 0.39	...
Japan Index	86.40	92.21	- 1.20	0.23
Nth American	438.70	468.20	- 3.20	0.46
S pore Mly Gth	58.12	62.03	+ 2.01	...
The Footsie Fd	110.30	116.90	+ 1.40	2.63
Tiger Index	151.90	162.10	+ 3.20	0.57
Triple Index	109.90	117.30	+ 2.60	2.45
UK Index	127.40	136.00†	+ 2.20	2.94
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	86.24	92.13	- 0.10	1.05
European P folio	76.50	81.53	+ 2.91	0.98
Japanese P folio	70.94	75.45	+ 0.50	...
Pacific P folio	108.67	116.86	+ 1.93	1.15
Cazenove P folio	74.20	79.36†	+ 1.06	2.63
UK Income Gth	66.68	71.54	+ 0.73	4.58
Utility & Bond	52.76	53.46	+ 0.57	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	618.22	619.98	+ 4.80	4.81
Fixed Int	159.75	160.00	+ 2.30	9.06
Deposit	5.70	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	613.51	621.79	+14.67	4.81
-do- Acc	2436.0	2464.9	+68.26	...
Deposit	5.65	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	129.80	130.06	+ 2.61	8.92
-do- Acc	177.10	177.45	+ 4.50	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	65.09	68.52	+ 2.15	2.20
Beckman Intl	85.73	90.49	+ 1.37	2.93
Friars Hse Inc	183.51	197.32	+ 7.28	5.90
Friars Hse Cap	295.95	275.22†	+10.66	2.64
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Quilter	125.90	133.94†	+ 0.79	2.50
-do- Acc	141.25	150.27	+ 2.39	2.50
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	62.26	66.24	+ 0.87	1.86
-do- Acc	70.19	74.68	+ 0.99	1.86
Income Fund 5	223.20	237.50	+ 3.80	4.08
-do- Acc	519.30	552.50	+ 8.80	4.08
Inv Portfolio	69.64	72.17†	+ 0.79	2.07
-do- Acc	79.29	82.23†	+ 1.63	2.07
Smaller Cos	131.30	139.70†	+ 1.50	1.31
-do- Acc	158.90	169.10†	+ 1.90	1.31
High Inc P folio	63.13	65.42	+ 0.88	4.43
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	87.14	92.70	+ 2.31	0.85
Japanese Acc	67.70	72.02	- 0.44	...
UK Balncd Inc	131.20	139.60†	+ 3.00	2.47
-do- Acc	154.80	164.70†	+ 3.60	2.47
UK Growth Acc	213.10	226.70	+ 5.10	1.98
UK High Inc	139.00	147.90	+ 3.50	5.99
-do- Acc	168.40	179.10	+ 4.30	5.99
N America Acc	113.50	120.70†	- 1.70	0.32
European Acc	165.10	175.60	+ 4.10	0.40
UK Pref F/I Inc	61.34	65.05†	+ 0.50	6.77
-do- Acc	101.00	107.10†	+ 0.80	6.77
Intl Sp Sits Acc	50.87	53.90	+ 0.16	0.21
Environmntl Opp	73.56	78.25	+ 1.86	1.57
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	111.90	118.90	- 1.80	0.42
Am Smlr Cos	207.30	220.30	+ 4.40	1.13
Eurofund	39.08	41.38	+ 1.12	0.97
Mngd Exempt	170.80	178.10	+ 1.10	2.94
Growth Inc	221.00	234.80†	+ 0.70	3.19
High Dist	148.90	157.80	+ 3.00	4.75
International	334.80	355.70†	+ 4.90	0.91
Intl Income	84.49	90.19†	+ 1.62	2.88
Pacific	61.56	65.41	+ 1.35	0.46
Smllr Jap Cos	78.47	83.37	...	...
Tokyo	220.60	234.40	- 1.30	...
Japan Exempt	126.20	129.70	- 1.00	0.39
Sm Jap Exempt	625.60	642.80	- 0.60	0.08
Equity Income	127.20	135.20	+ 2.50	3.70
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	146.20	154.70	+ 4.30	0.52
Financial	45.09	47.91	+ 1.20	2.48
Global Opps Inc	92.39	98.16	+ 0.17	2.04
-do- Acc	95.76	101.70	+ 0.10	2.04
Gold Gen Inc	51.25	54.45	- 4.57	0.79
-do- Acc	98.37	104.50	- 8.80	0.79
Japan General	171.10	181.80	- 0.70	...
Preference	23.20	24.65†	- 0.65	7.37
Worldwide Cap	203.60	216.30†	+ 2.10	2.95
World Income	87.83	93.32†	+ 1.32	3.19
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	181.30	192.90	+ 3.00	0.88
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	109.47	115.23	+ 2.23	3.22
High Income	127.58	134.29	+ 2.77	4.58
Tst of Inv Tsts	157.92	166.23†	+ 2.51	2.22
Special Sits	87.95	92.58	+ 2.27	2.10
North American	105.25	110.79	- 0.11	0.87
Far Eastern	260.68	274.40†	+ 4.67	1.63
Intl Growth	101.37	106.70	- 0.98	1.21
European	67.59	71.15	+ 2.72	1.98
Smaller Cos	68.91	72.54	- 0.66	2.00
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	228.60	243.10	...	3.62
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	133.40	141.90	+ 5.60	...
High Income	26.86	28.26†	+ 0.35	5.59

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FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	97.34	102.90†	+ 2.60	0.79
Far Eastern	143.90	154.20	- 0.80	...
Overs Income	91.57	97.80	+ 0.77	3.00
UK Growth	98.18	105.00†	+ 2.60	0.73
UK Income	105.80	113.20	+ 2.50	3.02
US Smaller Cos	265.10	283.90	+ 3.50	0.06
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	49.69	52.86	+ 0.23	...
-do- Acc	49.69	52.86	+ 0.23	...
Am Smllr Co	441.50	472.10	+ 3.60	...
-do- Acc	451.00	482.30	+ 3.70	...
Capital	290.70	312.40	+ 5.60	1.77
-do- Acc	409.00	435.00	+ 7.60	1.77
Contl Smllr Cos	48.44	52.12	+ 0.93	0.20
-do- Acc	50.64	54.48	+ 0.97	0.20
Convertible	117.70	125.10	+ 1.80	5.82
-do- Acc	221.40	237.60	+ 3.40	5.82
Emg Mark	56.63	60.50	+ 1.18	...
-do- Acc	56.63	60.50	+ 1.18	...
European	100.30	107.10	+ 3.20	0.85
-do- Acc	104.50	111.70	+ 3.40	0.85
Extra Income	304.30	323.60	+ 8.40	3.88
-do- Acc	435.70	463.40	+12.20	3.88
Financial	114.40	122.50	+ 2.80	0.22
-do- Acc	119.80	128.20	+ 2.90	0.22
Health Fund Inc	120.60	128.80	- 1.50	...
-do- Acc	120.60	128.80	- 1.50	...
Income Tst	188.70	200.70	+ 4.70	3.05
-do- Acc	267.40	284.40	+ 6.60	3.05
Intl Growth	334.70	357.70	- 4.80	...
-do- Acc	371.70	397.30	- 5.40	...
Japan Gen	194.70	208.00	+ 0.20	...
-do- Acc	196.60	210.10	+ 0.20	...
Mngd P folio Inc	94.66	99.64	+ 1.64	0.84
-do- Acc	99.47	104.70	+ 1.70	0.84
Monthly Income	159.10	169.20	+ 3.60	3.79
Qrtly Inc	51.86	56.16	+ 1.07	5.57
-do- Acc	51.98	55.29	+ 1.07	5.57
Recovery	303.70	324.70	+ 2.20	0.26
-do- Acc	356.80	381.50	+ 2.60	0.26
UK Growth	48.30	51.63	- 0.76	2.50
-do- Acc	48.30	51.63	- 0.76	2.50
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	359.47	382.42	+ 4.62	2.66
-do- Acc	734.04	780.89	+ 9.43	2.66
Euro Gth Dist	113.27	120.50†	- 3.00	0.74
-do- Acc	117.23	124.71†	+ 3.70	0.74
Fixed Int Dist	137.00	144.91	+ 2.09	6.06
-do- Acc	231.66	245.04	+ 3.52	6.06
Intl Gth Dist	80.87	86.03	+ 0.72	0.65
-do- Acc	83.96	89.32	+ 0.76	0.65
Nth Amer Dist	171.73	181.92†	- 1.39	0.03
-do- Acc	187.17	198.27†	- 1.34	0.03
Pac Basin Dist	262.62	279.38†	+ 3.78	0.04
-do- Acc	267.63	284.71†	+ 4.05	0.04
Stewardship Dist	307.77	327.42	+ 5.31	1.85
-do- Acc	366.99	390.41	+ 6.32	1.85
Stwd Inc Dist	65.03	69.18†	...	3.08
-do- Acc	81.08	86.26†	+ 0.68	3.08
N Am Stwd Dist	100.34	106.74†	- 0.47	...
-do- Acc	106.14	112.91†	- 0.51	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 628 9431				
Am Sp Sits	141.50	151.40	- 1.80	...
European	442.10	470.20	+14.70	0.90
Far East General	241.60	258.30	+ 2.10	0.28
Germany	105.90	112.20	+ 5.00	0.41
Global Assets In	72.24	76.98	+ 1.12	2.10
Global Assets Ac	76.39	81.39	+ 1.18	2.05
Income Inc	129.60	138.60	+ 1.80	6.36
International	297.50	318.00	+ 3.80	0.88
Intl Income	80.74	85.74	- 0.98	4.65
Japan General	400.70	426.30	- 0.40	...
Smllr Cos Div	47.34	50.63†	+ 1.31	5.87
UK Capital Inc	170.80	182.70†	+ 0.60	3.92
-do- Acc	294.80	315.30	+ 3.90	3.56
Uk Spec Sits	80.83	86.45	+ 1.36	1.47
US General	123.90	132.20	+ 1.20	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	127.80	136.70†	+ 2.10	0.10
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AL. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	46.39	49.61†	+ 0.02	1.47
Cash Trust	129.72	129.72	+ 0.09	5.19
Pract Inv Inc	109.01	116.81	+ 2.29	3.93
-do- Acc	234.02	250.78	+ 4.91	3.93
UK Smaller Cos	108.34	116.18	+ 1.48	0.79
Income Funds				
Preference Share	26.71	28.57†	+ 0.37	8.16
High Inc	33.08	35.38†	- 0.06	4.64
UK Equity Inc	132.53	141.74†	- 0.40	3.83
Global Bond	30.34	31.44	+ 0.06	5.69
International Funds				
Gold Intl	93.31	100.06	- 8.54	0.39
Frontier Markets	45.43	48.72	+ 0.39	0.43
Global Inc Gth	123.67	131.93	+ 0.78	1.86
UK Intl	120.73	129.12†	+ 0.77	0.18
Overseas Funds				
American	131.82	140.85	- 0.21	0.44
European	86.14	91.34	+ 2.49	0.59
Euro Sel Opps	103.78	110.65†	+ 4.38	0.66
American Emerg	86.12	92.35	+ 1.08	...
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	131.47	140.61	- 0.17	0.32
American Gth	133.66	142.95	+ 0.45	...
European Gth	70.06	74.70	+ 1.53	0.61
Japan Gth	85.64	91.59	- 0.72	...
Greater China	145.25	155.34†	+ 1.08	2.85
Pacific Strategy	130.43	139.50	+ 1.40	0.30
UK Prog Inc	76.78	80.77	+ 1.00	4.69
British Growth	49.74	52.54	+ 0.87	2.47
UK Small Cos	44.44	47.53	+ 0.54	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	132.00	132.00	+ 0.10	5.12
Gilt Fixed	128.30	136.20	+ 2.10	5.69
Growth Equity	304.60	325.40	+ 7.20	1.94
Guardhill	449.20	479.90	+10.10	2.06
Income Trust	113.70	121.40	+ 1.90	2.70
International	165.20	176.40	- 1.30	0.16
Japan Trust	135.10	144.30†	- 1.00	...
Nth American	259.50	277.20	- 2.80	0.40
Pacific	401.30	428.70	+12.30	...
European	363.70	388.50	+15.20	0.60
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 608, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838800				
Global Adv Inc	36.22	38.40†	+ 0.25	1.56
-do- Acc	38.17	40.47	+ 0.53	1.56
Inc Adv Inc	30.29	32.11	- 0.36	3.71
-do- Acc	31.78	33.69	+ 0.38	3.71
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	79.87	85.56	- 2.65	1.32
Equity Income	117.40	124.90	+ 2.00	3.31
European	139.70	147.70	+ 4.00	1.21
Intl Situation	78.29	83.29†	+ 0.20	...
Japanese	149.10	158.20	- 2.50	...
North American	97.17	103.10	- 2.50	0.05
Scandinavian	124.30	131.40	+ 5.60	...
Smaller Cos	30.64	32.60	+ 0.09	1.90

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 265298 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	92.13	98.48	- 0.06	...
Asian Enterprise	134.58	143.91†	+ 4.85	0.99
European	399.22	422.69	+15.62	0.72
European Inc	73.28	77.51†	+ 0.22	2.52
Euro Sml Co	123.91	132.17	+ 2.72	0.70
Extra Income	271.67	289.21	+ 5.90	4.55
Family of Funds	73.39	78.17†	+ 1.31	1.04
Global Bond	57.35	61.33	+ 0.70	7.11
High Inc	301.78	322.59†	+ 5.54	3.84
Income Gth	247.90	264.01	+ 5.77	3.28
-do- Acc	641.24	682.92	+14.95	3.28
International	237.06	253.17	+ 0.39	0.72
Japan Spc Sit	258.49	275.18	- 2.39	...
Japan	224.62	239.16†	- 1.57	...
N Amer	227.32	242.28†	- 1.80	0.07
Pacific Smllr Cos	205.15	218.34	+ 4.36	0.33
Pref Gilt	47.24	50.77†	+ 0.73	8.49
Smaller Cos Div	174.55	186.67†	+ 3.16	3.69
Special Sits	270.71	289.65	+ 3.17	1.91
-do- Acc	417.14	446.33	+ 7.98	1.91
Best of British	57.63	61.69	+ 0.98	2.23
Henderson TR				
American Gth	82.66	88.40	+ 0.02	...
Euro Spec Sits	49.17	52.34	+ 2.18	0.91
-do- Acc	52.06	55.31	+ 2.31	0.91
Far East Opps	33.97	36.34	+ 1.10	0.59
-do- Acc	34.96	37.40	+ 1.12	0.59
General Growth	101.26	108.40†	+ 1.43	2.40
Global Tech	130.68	139.82	+ 1.98	...
Income Growth	105.90	114.32†	+ 2.85	3.54
Income Monthly	58.78	62.86	+ 0.93	5.38
Japan Growth	87.90	93.77	- 0.79	...
Overseas Gth	80.25	85.62	+ 1.02	0.98
Smaller Cos	74.85	80.08	+ 1.30	1.73
Special Opps	108.85	117.03†	+ 1.84	1.09
Wld Spec Sits	52.43	56.36	+ 1.11	0.48
-do- Acc	52.95	56.49	+ 1.11	0.48
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	89.66	95.91	+ 0.42	1.91
Capital	158.40	169.40†	+ 0.70	1.80
Dollar	316.10	338.00	+ 0.60	0.01
European	207.70	222.10†	+ 6.30	0.60
Far East	253.80	271.40	+ 1.80	0.27
Financial	748.20	800.20	+ 9.10	1.72
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.65	27.68†	+ 0.27	7.61
High Yield	106.40	113.70	+ 2.60	4.26
Income	140.70	150.40	+ 2.70	3.21
Intl	222.50	237.90†	- 0.20	0.19
Japan Tech	76.95	82.29	- 1.54	...
Nat Resources	63.15	67.54	- 3.02	0.48
Security	305.40	326.60	+ 1.90	1.77
Smaller Cos	113.60	121.40	- 0.90	1.16
Special Sits	142.80	152.70	- 0.60	1.51
US Smaller Cos	72.45	77.48	- 1.18	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.60	27.36†	- 0.45	1.29
Special Features	28.86	30.66	- 0.43	1.91
-do- Acc	34.07	36.19	+ 0.50	1.91
General Funds				
UK Growth	54.88	58.73	+ 0.76	2.07
Assets Earnings	72.30	76.81†	+ 0.62	2.29
do Acc	86.06	91.43†	+ 0.74	2.26
Managed Invest	91.87	98.20	+ 1.10	1.12
Rupert Children	77.31	82.45	+ 0.85	2.12
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.02	50.03†	- 0.07	4.48
Extra Inc	83.44	89.24†	+ 1.99	4.71
Gilt	28.66	30.17†	+ 0.42	6.42
Income Gth	40.66	43.37	+ 0.81	3.49
MIMstar	79.14	80.87	+ 0.91	7.78
Preference	18.29	19.43	- 0.21	6.51
UK Income	322.50	344.70	+ 4.30	2.98
Sector Specialist Funds				
Finci Sec	61.63	65.48	- 1.06	1.23
Property Shares	68.19	73.52	- 2.20	1.56
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	153.80	161.10	+ 3.40	4.01
European Acc	121.00	128.10	+ 4.30	1.52
European Dist	115.20	121.90	+ 4.10	1.52
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.99	52.08	- 0.72	0.97
European Perf	122.60	130.10†	+ 3.80	0.69
-do- Acc	126.40	134.20†	+ 5.60	0.68
Euro Small Cos	22.72	24.19	+ 0.78	0.64
French Growth	70.87	75.40	+ 1.64	0.49
-do- Acc	75.71	80.55	+ 1.75	0.49
Hong K/China	72.96	77.52	+ 2.33	1.60
Intl Growth	54.40	57.80	+ 0.39	0.69
-do- Acc	54.40	57.80	+ 0.39	0.69
Japan Perf	36.55	38.83	- 0.17	...
Accum Units	36.53	38.83	- 0.17	...
Japan Smllr Cos	41.56	44.20	- 0.28	...
Singapore Asean	86.09	91.47†	+ 1.68	0.33
-do- Acc	86.70	92.11†	+ 1.76	0.33
South East Asia	245.10	260.40	+ 2.50	0.66
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.95	70.29†	+ 0.06	5.08
Extra Income	54.71	58.30	+ 0.51	6.64
Gilt Yield	122.80	129.60	+ 1.70	6.97
Global Income	206.90	220.10†	+ 1.60	3.98
High Yield	140.10	149.00†	+ 1.85	5.59
Smllr Cos Div	50.20	53.40†	+ 0.72	3.66
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	93.61	99.58	+ 0.12	...
North American	76.47	81.35	- 0.46	0.41
European	136.90	145.60	+ 5.90	1.54
Euro Special	79.61	84.69†	+ 2.74	1.68
General	270.90	288.20†	+ 4.50	3.10
Japan	458.10	487.30	- 7.70	...
Japanese Special	255.30	271.60	- 2.00	...
Master Acc	225.80	240.20	- 1.10	1.29
Pacific	286.00	304.30	- 0.20	0.53
Smaller Cos	100.80	107.20	- 1.40	1.56
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	77.90	82.87†	+ 2.03	0.97
Extra Income	24.55	26.12†	- 0.21	3.46
Far East	29.34	31.21	+ 0.06	0.83
Income Gwth	74.76	79.53	+ 0.72	2.68
Intl Growth	54.17	57.63	+ 0.40	0.64
Japan	70.26	74.74†	- 1.23	...
Maximum Dist*	90.80	101.80†	+ 0.30	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.68	41.15	- 0.36	0.28
UK Equity	89.30	95.00	+ 1.78	2.90
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.51	56.93†	- 0.88	4.39
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	439.70	467.80	+ 7.60	2.64
Equity Acc	834.70	888.00	+14.40	2.64
Equity Income	95.32	101.40†	- 1.62	4.59
European	98.97	105.30†	+ 1.70	1.23
Far Eastern	195.70	208.20	- 3.00	...
Fixed Interest	54.70	58.19	+ 0.46	6.00
Gilt	94.80	100.50	+ 1.53	6.12
Global Growth	70.64	75.15	- 0.29	0.43
Intl Bond	56.72	60.34†	- 1.35	4.71
Japanese	77.14	82.06	- 1.63	...
Overseas Equity	101.70	108.20	- 0.20	0.05
Pacific Gth	91.13	96.95	+ 0.26	0.43
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	317.50	337.80	+ 1.10	3.02
-do- Acc	697.20	741.80	+ 2.30	3.02
Contl Euro Gth	53.60	56.43	+ 1.66	1.18
-do- Acc	56.68	59.67	+ 1.75	1.18
Extra Inc	248.50	264.40	- 5.10	3.67
-do- Acc	614.40	653.70	-12.60	3.67
German Gth	108.20	113.90	- 3.40	0.04
-do- Acc	113.50	119.50	+ 3.70	0.04
Growth Port	501.30	533.40	+ 7.70	0.41
-do- Acc	501.30	533.40	+ 7.70	0.41
Income	466.30	496.10	+ 8.70	3.46
-do- Acc	1196.0	1273.0	+22.00	3.46
Income Port	500.90	532.90	+ 6.50	4.09
-do- Acc	508.30	540.80	+ 6.60	4.09
Japan Growth	106.30	113.10	- 1.00	0.01
-do- Acc	106.60	113.50	- 1.00	0.01
Master Trust	53.36	56.77	- 0.91	1.33
-do- Acc	58.75	62.50	- 1.00	1.33
N American Gen	188.80	200.90	- 2.00	0.01
-do- Acc	218.10	232.10	- 2.20	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	143.90	153.10	+ 4.90	0.01
-do- Acc	146.80	156.20	+ 4.90	0.01
Pacific Basin	215.30	229.10	+ 5.90	0.63
-do- Acc	227.50	242.10	+ 6.20	0.63
Small Cos Rec	308.50	324.80	- 5.20	2.58
-do- Acc	401.70	422.90	- 6.80	2.58
UK Growth	80.24	85.37†	+ 1.50	2.46
-do- Acc	94.47	100.50†	+ 1.68	2.46
Worldwide Gth	291.40	310.00	- 0.10	0.18
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282873				
General	79.75	85.57	+ 1.43	2.70
Income	63.95	68.62	+ 1.40	5.00
International	59.06	63.37	+ 0.29	0.70
American	59.87	64.24	- 0.65	0.30
Japan	58.48	62.73†	- 0.72	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	60.42	64.83	+ 1.50	1.70
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	387.90	409.80†	- 5.80	0.88
-do- Acc	478.80	506.30	- 6.60	0.88
American Rec	422.70	447.00	- 4.40	0.17
-do- Acc	484.40	512.10	- 5.10	0.17
Am Sm Co Acc	124.10	131.20	- 1.10	...
Australia Acc	173.50	183.50	- 0.90	0.92
Capital	687.30	726.80†	+ 4.70	2.38
-do- Acc	767.70	811.80	+15.00	2.38
Commodity Acc	459.80	486.40	- 4.20	0.77
Compnd Gth	858.10	907.30	+17.70	2.71
Dividend	37.40	39.50	+ 1.10	3.99
-do- Acc	148.00	156.60	+ 4.30	3.99
Equity Inc	310.20	328.00†	+ 1.30	4.48
European Div	60.80	64.30†	+ 1.60	3.93
-do- Acc	70.30	74.50	+ 1.90	3.93
European Gen	398.30	421.20†	+10.40	0.98
-do- Acc	500.30	529.10	+13.10	0.98
Extra Yield	403.40	426.60	+11.90	4.14
-do- Acc	1179.5	1247.3	+34.70	4.14
Far Eastern	315.10	333.20	+ 4.40	0.61
-do- Acc	414.50	438.30	+ 5.70	0.61
Fund of Inv	540.00	571.10	+17.70	2.03
-do- Acc	984.90	1041.7	+32.20	2.03
General	56.10	59.30†	+ 1.30	3.45
-do- Acc	150.10	158.70	+ 3.60	3.45
Gilt Fxd Int	64.01	64.10†	- 0.10	7.29
do Acc	163.20	163.41	+ 2.02	7.39
Gold	58.90	62.30†	- 8.90	0.77
-do- Acc	69.30	73.30	- 9.40	0.77
High Inc	26.50	28.00	+ 0.70	4.23
-do- Acc	100.30	106.10	+ 2.70	4.23
Intl Growth	70.40	74.40†	+ 0.10	0.74
-do- Acc	121.90	128.90	+ 0.20	0.74
Intl Inc	97.30	102.90	+ 0.40	4.45
Japan Gen Acc	54.70	57.80	- 0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	160.60	169.80	- 0.80	...
Midland	57.70	61.00	+ 1.20	3.08
-do- Acc	184.70	195.30	+ 3.90	3.08
Recovery	38.40	40.60†	+ 1.10	2.46
-do- Acc	61.20	64.70	+ 1.80	2.46
Second Gen	64.90	68.60†	+ 1.40	3.21
-do- Acc	160.70	170.10	+ 3.60	3.21

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MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 439, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 688066				
Inv Port Inc	141.50	151.30†	+ 1.90	1.99
-do- Acc	158.50	169.50†	+ 2.10	1.99
UK Income	118.20	126.40	+ 1.80	2.46
-do- Acc	133.50	142.80	+ 2.00	2.46
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	85.44	91.38	+ 0.42	0.44
Far East (Pacific)	141.20	150.00	- 2.00	0.61
Income Growth	74.05	78.61†	+ 1.38	3.30
European	71.13	75.51	+ 1.78	1.14
Nth American	57.17	60.69	- 1.22	0.43
UK Growth	78.63	83.47	+ 2.23	2.06
Intl Growth	98.53	104.60	+ 0.50	0.69
Charities	111.10	117.90†	+ 1.60	3.80
Intl Income	70.57	74.92	+ 1.61	5.38
Japan	57.07	60.58	- 0.55	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	190.40	202.20	- 2.10	...
-do- Acc	203.50	216.10	- 2.30	...
Cash	100.30	100.30†	+ 0.10	5.60
-do- Acc	130.30	130.30†	+ 0.10	5.60
Emg Mkts Acc	93.58	100.30	...	...
European Gth	200.90	213.10	+ 6.10	0.75
-do- Acc	216.00	229.10	+ 6.50	0.75
General	478.10	510.00	+ 9.50	2.37
-do- Acc	909.50	970.20	+18.20	2.37
Global Dist	133.60	140.40	- 0.20	5.20
-do- Acc	149.50	157.10	+ 0.20	5.20
Income	143.90	153.50	+ 3.40	4.44
-do- Acc	212.20	226.30	+ 4.90	4.44
International	402.70	429.40	+ 3.30	0.66
-do- Acc	535.50	571.00	+ 4.30	0.66
Japan Acc	204.50	216.90	- 1.50	...
New Europe	145.50	155.30	+ 4.70	1.67
-do- Acc	147.90	157.80	+ 4.70	1.67
Recovery	299.40	319.40	- 8.80	2.81
-do- Acc	378.20	403.50	+11.00	2.81
European Inc	73.78	78.28†	+ 1.15	3.11
-do- Acc	95.34	101.10†	+ 1.43	3.11
Brit Blue Chip	74.09	78.88	- 0.93	3.19
-do- Acc	87.38	93.04	- 1.11	3.19
Portfolio	75.99	80.79	+ 1.26	2.80
-do- Acc	86.40	91.87	+ 1.44	2.80
Gold General	143.20	154.00†	-23.40	0.61
-do- Acc	146.40	157.50†	-23.90	0.61
Pacific	97.59	104.10†	- 2.90	0.80
-do- Acc	103.60	110.60†	+ 3.00	0.80
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 529 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	58.52	62.59	+ 0.50	2.74
-do- Acc	59.43	63.56	+ 0.51	2.74
British Dist	78.62	84.09	+ 1.10	1.99
-do- Acc	88.99	95.18	+ 1.23	1.99
European Gth	180.90	193.00	+ 6.40	0.24
-do- Acc	226.60	242.40	+ 8.10	0.24
Extra High Inc	71.15	76.10†	+ 1.29	5.94
-do- Acc	127.30	136.10	+ 2.30	5.94
FT-SE 100 Index	49.17	52.59†	+ 0.67	2.58
-do- Acc	49.91	53.38	+ 0.68	2.58
Gilt Fixed Int	57.87	60.24	+ 0.71	6.61
-do- Acc	154.50	160.80	+ 1.90	6.61
High Yield	226.40	242.10	+ 4.90	4.46
-do- Acc	531.40	568.30	+11.30	4.46
Income	284.40	304.20†	+ 0.90	3.18
-do- Acc	601.40	643.20	+12.60	3.18
Japan Gth	371.30	397.10	- 2.20	...
-do- Acc	391.90	419.10	- 2.30	...
Mandarin Acc	105.40	112.70	+ 3.10	0.73
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	270.70	287.70†	- 2.20	...
Deposit Inc	100.19	100.19†	+ 0.08	5.22
Deposit Acc	123.28	123.28†	+ 0.10	5.22
Euro Gth Acc	302.00	323.10	+11.60	...
Europa	129.00	138.60†	+ 3.80	...
Intl Gth	176.50	188.70	+ 1.40	...
Japan Tracker	83.69	88.67	- 0.91	...
UK Equity Inc	153.60	167.80	+ 4.80	3.93
-do- Acc	190.80	205.80	+ 5.90	3.93
UK Ind Tracker	145.50	155.70†	+ 0.70	3.09
US Eq Ind Trkr	192.00	203.60	- 3.10	1.48
-do- Acc	203.10	215.40	- 3.30	1.45
Asian Trader	168.20	182.50	+ 5.10	0.43
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	168.50	172.50†	- 2.50	2.17
European	63.28	64.65	+ 2.14	1.56
Olympiad	57.47	58.97†	+ 0.56	0.20
Global Bond	48.05	48.65†	- 0.16	6.28
Smaller Cos	67.95	71.03	+ 1.14	1.15
Equity Income	94.59	97.22	+ 2.31	4.49
UK Growth	85.64	88.29	+ 1.43	1.63
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Hilsea Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.31	50.46	- 0.64	1.14
Australian Acc	318.30	341.50	- 7.20	...
Conscience	62.67	66.88	+ 0.03	1.21
-do- Acc	67.64	72.18	+ 0.03	1.21
European	175	186.10	+ 4.90	1.12
-do- Acc	188.30	200.30	+ 4.90	1.12
Extra Income	74.03	79	+ 0.70	5.62
-do- Acc	113.60	121.20	+ 1.50	5.62
Far East Gth	176.30	188.40	+ 2.70	0.05
Gilt Fxd Inc	59.38	62.67†	- 0.90	6.32
Gold	51.56	55.44	- 7.83	...
-do- Acc	53.52	59.69	- 8.45	...
Income	53.51	57.07	+ 0.39	4.92
-do- Acc	163.80	174.70	+ 1.30	4.92
International	30.63	32.86	+ 0.28	0.67
-do- Acc	44.01	47.22	+ 0.40	0.67
Jap Sm Cos Acc	366.50	390.90	- 2.00	...
S pore Mly Acc	204.50	219.30	+ 4.40	...
Smlr Cot Acc	25.17	27.06	+ 0.07	0.85
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5522				
N&P UK Growth	68.77	73.17†	+ 0.87	2.67
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	78.19	82.75	+ 1.07	5.68
N&P Higher Inc	204.50	217.60†	+ 4.90	4.46
N&P UK Income	105.10	111.90	- 2.10	3.67
N&P Intl	91.58	97.43	+ 0.99	1.66
N&P Smaller Cos	71.80	76.39	- 2.78	1.76
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	168.34	179.09†	+ 3.38	2.02
Global	304.04	323.45	+ 8.02	3.06
Growth	110.47	117.53	+ 1.76	1.93
Income	207.38	220.62†	+ 3.85	5.70
Intl Bond	134.26	142.58	+ 2.58	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	139.80	147.10	- 2.10	2.55
-do- Acc	247.70	260.70	- 3.70	2.55
Income	227.40	241.90	+ 4.20	3.40
Intl Equity	231.60	246.30	+ 1.10	0.79
-do- Acc	253.50	269.70	+ 1.20	0.79
Equity	220.60	234.70	+ 3.80	2.42
-do- Acc	452.40	481.20	+ 7.70	2.42
UK Intl 25 Acc	71.52	76.08	+ 1.00	1.93
UK Income	62.14	66.10†	+ 1.27	3.00
UK Smllr Co Acc	76.97	81.87	+ 1.13	1.45
New Europe Acc	63.32	67.35	+ 1.26	1.05
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	99.68	106.62	+ 2.89	0.16
PEP Gth Inc	105.23	112.55	+ 1.89	1.34
Intl Gth	515.63	551.48	+11.90	0.67
Income	322.13	344.53	+ 8.99	3.24
W wide Recov	326.28	348.97	+ 4.92	0.39
American Gth	211.20	225.89	- 0.76	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	195.32	208.90	- 2.10	0.20
Far East Gth	236.74	253.20	- 2.27	0.05
European Gth	121.06	129.48	+ 4.97	1.39
UK Growth	81.13	86.78	+ 2.25	2.86
High Income	87.57	93.66†	+ 2.52	4.26
Japanese Gth	230.76	245.55	- 1.16	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	181.80	193.40	- 0.50	0.66
High Income	112.70	119.90	- 0.70	3.53
Conv Gilt	112.90	120.10	- 1.20	5.68
Far East	327.50	348.40	- 4.10	0.06
Global Inc Acc	32.77	34.86	- 0.32	4.90
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	51.43	54.71†	+ 0.54	0.20
Emerging Mkts	67.85	72.18†	- 0.02	0.53
General	48.62	51.72	+ 0.69	3.10
International	88.19	93.82	+ 1.87	1.30
Gilt Units	26.96	27.79†	- 0.04	7.16
Global PEP	36.39	38.71	+ 1.03	2.00
Income Gth	67.34	71.64†	+ 0.31	4.57
European	45.34	48.13	+ 1.50	0.63
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.22	26.83	+ 0.53	5.88
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricelands: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	32.27	34.51	+ 0.44	1.62
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.78	101.27	- 0.95	4.73
-do- Acc	105.94	106.46	+ 0.07	4.73
Pru Equity	668.12	714.56	+ 9.34	2.61
Pru Equity Inc	81.69	87.36	+ 1.35	4.38
Pru European	181.22	193.81	+ 5.09	0.98
Pru Global Gth	81.56	87.22†	+ 0.95	1.32
Pru High Inc	87.35	93.42†	+ 1.05	4.82
Pru Intl	167.16	178.78†	+ 0.62	1.11
Pru Intl Sm Co	72.24	77.26	+ 0.38	0.67
Pru Japanese	213.26	228.08	- 2.28	...
Pru Nth Amer	145.19	155.28	- 1.57	0.82
Pru Pacific Mkt	81.90	87.39†	+ 3.17	1.11
Pru Premr Inc	51.38	53.49†	+ 0.73	5.06
Pru Smllr Cos	82.50	88.23	+ 1.71	2.13
Pru Spec Sits	99.10	105.98†	+ 1.20	2.52
Pru UK Grwth	111.97	119.75	+ 1.51	2.41
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
FA Income	158.94	169.94	+ 2.99	3.52
FA Japan	293.51	312.24	- 4.72	...
FA Maj UK Cos	93.38	99.63	+ 0.88	2.51
FA America Inc	502.77	535.68†	+ 2.36	0.84
-do- Acc	587.04	625.46	+ 2.75	0.84
FA Smlr UK Cos	272.74	295.28	+ 5.39	1.59
FA European	263.48	279.15	+ 7.59	1.34
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	73.30	77.87	- 0.37	3.62
Capital Units	147.90	157.30	+ 2.40	1.25
Commodity	111.70	118.80	- 8.30	1.03
European Gth	164.20	174.70	+ 5.30	1.12
Financial Sec	183.50	195.20	+ 4.60	1.30
High Return	215.50	229.30†	+ 4.20	3.71
High Yield	210.20	223.60	+ 3.60	4.00
Income Units	111.40	118.50†	+ 0.10	4.55
Investment	186.30	198.20	+ 5.20	1.30
Japan Gth	165.40	176.00	- 2.90	...
Japan Smaller	192.80	205.10	- 0.10	...
Masterfund	48.20	51.28	+ 0.87	1.24
Scotbits	269.00	286.20†	+ 5.40	1.44
Scotshares	255.90	272.20	+ 3.30	2.69
Scotyields	230.00	244.70	+ 4.30	3.84
Select Intl	133.60	142.10	+ 0.50	0.40
Smaller Cos	234.00	248.90	+ 4.80	3.80
Special Situation	110.30	117.30	+ 0.90	0.82
UK Equity	223.10	239.50†	+ 3.90	2.88
US Growth	139.30	148.20	- 1.60	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0800 526 535 Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	239.36	254.61	- 0.43	0.57
-do- Acc	259.33	275.89	- 0.46	0.57
Australian	138.28	147.49†	- 0.26	0.77
-do- Acc	163.54	174.44	- 0.73	0.77
UK Enterprise	223.83	238.43†	+ 4.49	2.24
-do- Acc	261.22	278.62	+ 5.25	2.24
European Gth	63.50	67.54	+ 1.23	1.31
-do- Acc	65.95	70.15	+ 1.28	1.31
Euro Smllr Cos	57.87	61.67	+ 1.15	0.44
-do- Acc	58.27	62.09	+ 1.15	0.44
Far Eastern Gth	75.19	80.20†	- 0.11	...
-do- Acc	76.41	81.50	- 0.10	...
Fixed Interest	55.55	58.57	+ 0.47	6.40
-do- Acc	67.46	71.12	+ 0.57	6.40
Gilt Income	107.87	113.47	+ 1.09	7.27
-do- Acc	150.38	158.48	+ 1.53	7.27
Income	334.34	356.52	+ 3.47	3.61
-do- Acc	985.91	1051.6	+10.25	3.61
Japan Enterprise	72.02	76.82	- 1.55	...
-do- Acc	72.02	76.82	- 1.55	...
Japan Smllr Cos	501.70	535.14†	- 5.11	...
-do- Acc	502.70	536.21	- 5.12	...
Pacific Gth	100.04	106.70†	+ 1.76	0.06
-do- Acc	103.00	109.87	+ 1.82	0.06
Smaller Cos	190.68	203.39	- 0.70	0.79
-do- Acc	220.54	235.24	+ 0.82	0.79
Tokyo	116.45	124.21	- 1.31	...
-do- Acc	117.63	125.46	- 1.33	...
UK Equity	216.60	231.04†	+ 2.17	2.46
-do- Acc	406.13	433.20	+ 4.06	2.46
US Smllr Cos	137.94	147.13	+ 0.56	...
-do- Acc	137.94	147.13	+ 0.56	...
World Fd	72.39	77.21†	- 0.18	2.02
-do- Acc	76.95	82.08	+ 0.48	2.02
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	47.71	50.81	+ 0.42	3.72
Equity Strategy	65.37	69.62	+ 1.59	1.04
European Opps	75.37	80.27	+ 2.90	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.69	100.21	- 2.10	5.58
UK Smaller Cos	54.60	58.15	+ 1.12	2.33

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	351.70	375.60	+ 5.90	2.74
American	251.90	267.50	- 0.30	0.75
Pacific	356.50	381.30	+ 5.70	0.53
European	468.10	500.60	+19.10	1.10
Worldwide	83.75	89.57	+ 1.80	0.99
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	309.30	329.10	+ 6.80	2.62
UK Sm Cos Eqty	211.00	224.30	+ 2.50	1.59
European	344.60	366.70	+10.70	1.61
North American	258.80	275.40	- 0.60	0.98
Income Plus Inc	70.40	74.90	+ 1.63	3.57
UK Spec Sits	69.92	74.39	+ 2.20	2.55
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	26.26	28.11	+ 0.38	2.73
Intl Growth Acc	30.61	32.76	+ 0.18	1.03
Market Ldrs Acc	26.57	28.44	- 0.39	2.87
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	‡104.70	...	+ 3.40	...
Global Bond	‡102.90	...	+ 1.90	7.50
Japan Samurai	‡101	...	- 1.70	...
UK Growth	‡101.60	...	+ 0.20	3.80
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	45.69	48.55	+ 0.84	1.55
Equity Gth Acc	62.85	66.78	+ 1.41	1.30
UK Eq General	42.88	45.56	+ 0.64	2.13
-do- Acc	56.62	60.16	+ 0.84	2.13
European Acc	43.07	45.77	+ 1.09	0.98
Far East Acc	59.91	63.66	+ 2.09	0.18
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	32.15	34.00	+ 0.55	6.09
N American Acc	43.25	45.96	- 0.18	0.94
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	293.60	318.60	+ 4.90	1.39
UK Eq High Inc	37.29	39.63	+ 0.82	3.60
-do- Acc	44.29	47.06	+ 0.97	3.60
UK Lgr Cos Inc	297.50	322.80	+ 5.90	3.66
UK Lgr Cos Acc	387.30	420.30	+ 7.70	3.66
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ53.67	NZ53.90	+ 0.07	1.22
US Eq	$2.166	$2.301	+ 0.03	1.16
Far East Eq	Y263.5	Y258.6	+ 3.40	...
Japan Eq	Y250.0	Y265.5	+ 6.80	...
FT Europe	115.30	122.40	+ 2.10	2.13
FT North Am	$1.711	$1.814	...	1.32
FT Japan	Y250.0	Y265.5	+ 7.70	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.968	$2.090	+ 0.08	1.46
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	344.60	367.50	- 2.30	0.32
British	970.20	1026.5	+14.60	3.95
European	401.80	427.90	+ 6.70	1.35
Japan	156.10	165.70	- 0.70	...
New Pacific	316.00	336.50	+ 8.50	0.97
Mngd Cash	95.70	95.70†	+ 0.06	5.17
Majority Stg	99.90	100.90†	+ 0.07	4.84
Inv Tst	200.90	213.00	+ 5.00	1.67
Saints FPP	381.60	401.70	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690399				
Equity Acc	747.60	799.60	+ 6.20	2.95
N America Acc	118.80	127.10	- 1.10	0.12
Far East Acc	132.00	141.20	+ 0.90	0.15
W wide Bond	62.32	66.16	+ 0.31	5.16
European	87.35	93.42	+ 3.21	0.81
Equity Income	85.37	91.30	+ 1.01	3.96
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.00	36.37	- 0.19	0.52
Managed Assets	121.52	129.97†	- 1.72	3.11
UK Income	37.68	40.30	+ 0.70	3.08
UK Growth	37.28	39.88	+ 0.52	2.39
Worldwide Gth	32.09	34.33†	+ 0.30	0.31
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	213.63	227.27†	+ 0.62	0.08
-do- Acc	235.30	250.32†	+ 0.69	0.08
British Gth	88.73	94.39	+ 1.25	1.93
-do- Acc	104.40	111.06	+ 1.47	1.93
European	97.62	103.86†	+ 1.60	0.94
-do- Acc	103.75	110.38†	- 2.51	0.94
Extra Inc	194.93	207.37	+ 4.33	4.10
-do- Acc	310.96	330.81	+ 6.91	4.10
General Unit	272.35	289.71†	+ 4.34	2.36
-do- Acc	543.87	578.58†	+ 8.66	2.36
Income	333.73	355.03	+ 7.36	3.63
-do- Acc	691.51	737.78	+15.29	3.63
International	504.16	536.34	- 0.55	0.39
-do- Acc	659.99	702.12	- 0.72	0.39
Pacific	366.35	389.73†	+ 3.77	...
-do- Acc	384.83	409.39†	+ 3.96	...
Premier Income	52.84	54.83†	+ 0.96	6.66
-do- Acc	111.28	115.92†	+ 2.03	6.66
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Sml Cos	71.44	76.20	- 0.69	...
-do- Acc	73.68	78.59	- 0.70	...
European Opps	63.12	67.16	+ 1.64	0.44
-do- Acc	63.77	67.86	+ 1.66	0.44
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	19.27	20.50	- 1.90	0.50
Pacific Basin	33.95	36.11	+ 0.04	0.60
Canadian Gth	34.50	36.70	- 1.30	...
Global Bond	$0.974	$1.014	+ 0.00	7.10
Penny Share	25.02	26.61	- 0.62	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.12	53.12	+ 0.04	5.04
Gilt Growth	70.68	73.56	+ 1.21	...
Gilt Income	53.84	56.02	+ 0.71	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	110.40	111.80	+ 0.80	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.717	$0.727	+ 0.00	...
Challenger	97.56	99.84	+ 0.99	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	70.60	75.10	+ 1.47	1.91

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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ASDA Gp	8,800	Cadbury	2,500	MB Cardn	767	Scot Power	1,700
Abbey Natl	7,100	Carlton Cm	487	Marks Spr	3,500	Sears	5,100
Alld-Lyons	2,700	Coats Vyla	5,700	NFC	1,200	Svrn Trent	507
Anglian W	199	Cm Union	1,300	NatWst Bk	6,600	Shell Trans	3,300
Argyll Gp	2,300	Courtaulds	1,300	Nat Power	3,900	Siebe	1,700
Arjo Wiggn	510	De La Rue	392	Nth Wst W	1,200	SmKl Bch	791
AB Foods	28	Enterpr Oil	1,000	Nthrn Fds	1,200	Smith Nph	1,700
BAA	1,300	Forte	603	P & O	1,000	Std Chartd	699
BAT Inds	6,100	GRE	1,000	Pearson	1,300	Sun Allnce	1,300
BOC	909	GUS A	61	PowerGen	5,500	TI Gp	1,800
BP	4,500	Gen Acc	1,400	Prudential	3,600	TSB	5,100
BT	8,600	Gen Elec	4,000	RMC	446	Tate & Lyle	469
BTR	6,300	Glaxo	4,200	RTZ	8,200	Tesco	9,000
Bk of Scot	146	Granada	2,500	Rank Org	1,300	Thames W	1,300
Barclays	6,700	Grand Met	4,100	Reckitt Col	565	Thrn EMI	1,800
Bass	2,900	Guinness	1,700	Redland	1,600	Tomkins	7,900
Blue Circle	992	HSBC	5,600	Reed Intl	2,000	Unilever	1,900
Boots	3,900	Hanson	11,000	Rentokil	2,800	Utd Bisc	1,800
Bowater	1,200	ICI	2,200	Reuters	2,000	Vodafone	6,800
Brit Aero	2,900	Inchcape	4,300	Rothmans	684	Warburg (SG)	241
Brit Airwys	3,900	Kingfisher	2,600	Ryl Ins	2,900	Wellcome	688
Brit Gas	9,300	Ladbroke	3,800	Ryl Bk Scot	2,800	Whitbd 'A'	637
Brit Steel	2,500	Land Secs	3,100	Sainsbury	2,800	Wlms Hld	1,300
Burmah Cast	131	Legal & Gn	1,200	Scot Hydro	981	Wolseley	294
Cable Wire	1,500	Lloyds Bk	4,600	Scot & New	1,000	Zeneca	2,700

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3554.56 (+5.59)
S&P Composite 448.47 (+0.34)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20357.94 (-67.70)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7396.77 (+89.23)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 123.4 (+0.3)

Sydney: AO 1842.2 (-23.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1869.38 (-8.68)

FT 30 share: 2361.0 (+24.6)

Brussels:
General 6851.04 (+35.93)

Paris: CAC 577.48 (-6.09)

Zurich: SKA Gen 572.80 (-0.90)

London:
FT A All-Share 1473.92 (+12.86)
FT 500 1584.61 (+13.96)
FT Gold Mines 203.4 (-15.1)
FT Fixed Interest 121.18 (-0.86)
FT Govt Secs 100.39 (-0.42)
Bargains 31253
SEAQ Volume 681.3m
USM (Datastrm) 138.46 (-0.02)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 26	August 6	October 28	November 8

Call options were taken out on 6/8/93: Attwoods, Com-Tek, Drew Scientific, Hanson Wts, Kunick, Marshalls, Medeva, Pilkington Wts, Spring Ram, Tadpole.
Put: Medeva.
Puts & Calls: Aminex, Anglo Pacific, LIT prf.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 53204	Sep 93	2960.0	2990.0	2959.0	2985.5	9230
	Dec 93	2984.0	3003.5	2981.0	3005.0	160
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 373261	Sep 93	94.23	94.26	94.22	94.25	6376
	Dec 93	94.68	94.70	94.65	94.69	8858
	Mar 94	94.68	94.71	94.68	94.71	2419
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 13713	Sep 93	96.66	96.66	96.65	96.66	102
	Dec 93	96.25	96.28	96.25	96.28	543
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 676285	Sep 93	93.55	93.59	93.54	93.57	35274
	Dec 93	94.12	94.15	94.10	94.13	22113
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 90306	Sep 93	110-31	111-18	110-29	111-15	42739
	Dec 93	110-14	110-24	110-14	110-24	142
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	111.15	111.15	111.06	111.09	1499
	Dec 93	110.24	110.24	110.20	110.21	290
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 201932	Sep 93	97.01	97.27	96.95	97.23	58730
	Dec 93	97.22	97.37	97.22	97.36	1479
German Gov Bd Bobl Previous open interest: 25171	Sep 93	100.43	100.58	100.42	100.54	5128
	Dec 93				100.69	0
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 32044	Sep 93	93.20	93.25	93.12	93.12	1297
	Dec 93	94.02	94.09	94.00	94.03	607
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 52646	Sep 93	95.64	95.65	95.57	95.57	4159
	Dec 93	95.87	95.87	95.82	95.82	1328
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 5958	Sep 93	108.95	109.35	108.84	109.27	17551
	Dec 93	108.66	108.74	108.45	108.77	299

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 81.2 (day's range 81.2-81.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 6	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8626-2.8787	2.8752-2.8787	par-¼ds	¼-¾ds
Brussels	53.81-54.19	53.96-54.15	15-31ds	20-47ds
Copenhagen	10.1010-10.2530	10.2140-10.2530	8-17ds	18-28ds
Dublin	1.0620-1.0645	1.0622-1.0637	6-11ds	17-24ds
Frankfurt	2.5389-2.5570	2.5457-2.5490	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Lisbon	257.30-260.20	258.40-260.20	108-141ds	317-413ds
Madrid	207.35-209.16	208.56-209.16	98-116ds	255-290ds
Milan	2388.90-2409.20	2404.50-2409.20	7-9ds	18-22ds
Montreal	1.9211-1.9323	1.9302-1.9323	0.37-0.26pr	0.70-0.56pr
New York	1.4875-1.4950	1.4940-1.4950	0.36-0.34pr	0.99-0.96pr
Oslo	10.9850-11.0680	10.9850-11.0680	⅛pr-par	¼pr-par
Paris	8.8500-8.9030	8.8810-8.9030	3-3¾ds	5⅛-6¼ds
Stockholm	11.8990-12.0180	11.9310-11.9690	⅛-⅜ds	½-¾ds
Tokyo	155.07-156.40	156.13-156.40	½-⅜pr	1-⅞pr
Vienna	17.85-17.99	17.89-17.93	⅜-1⅞ds	1⅜-4ds
Zurich	2.2426-2.2530	2.2492-2.2523	⅜-⅛pr	⅞-⅝pr

Source: Extel. *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4900-1.4926
Australia dollar	2.2021-2.2068
Bahrain dinar	0.557-0.569
Brazil cruzeiro *	111.78-113.06
Cyprus pound	0.767-0.777
Finland marka	8.5895-8.7055
Greece drachma	353.5-360.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.5760-11.5852
India rupee	46.50-47.46
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4455-0.4555
Malaysia ringgit	3.8049-3.8090
Mexico peso	4.6-4.7
New Zealand dollar	2.7080-2.7142
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.537-5.663
Singapore dollar	2.4074-2.4105
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8940-6.9374
S Africa rand (com)	5.0082-5.0191
U A E dirham	5.423-5.547

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4771-1.4792
Austria	11.9975-12.0060
Belgium (Com)	36.125-36.131
Canada	1.2930-1.2935
Denmark	6.8113-6.8133
France	5.9485-5.9555
Germany	1.7043-1.7048
Hong Kong	7.7535-7.7545
Ireland	1.3993-1.4003
Italy	1608.89-1609.69
Japan	104.45-104.55
Malaysia	2.5485-2.5495
Netherlands	1.9162-1.9167
Norway	7.3790-7.3865
Portugal	173.90-174.10
Singapore	1.6130-1.6140
Spain	139.40-139.60
Sweden	7.9836-7.9936
Switzerland	1.5055-1.5065

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5¼ Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5⅛. Sell: 2 mth 5¹⁄₁₆; 3 mth: 5¹⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⁷⁄₃₂-5⅛	5⁷⁄₃₂-5⅛	5⅛-5³⁄₃₂	5⅛-5¹⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⁹⁄₁₆-5¼	5⁹⁄₁₆-5¼	5¼-5⅛	5¼-5⅛	5¹¹⁄₃₂-5⁹⁄₃₂
Interbank:	5¹¹⁄₃₂-5¼	5¹⁹⁄₃₂-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5¼-5⅛	5¹¹⁄₃₂-5⁹⁄₃₂

Overnight: open 5¾, close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5¹⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs:	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₃₂	5⅜-5¹¹⁄₃₂	5¹¹⁄₃₂-5¹¹⁄₃₂	5⁹⁄₃₂-5¹¹⁄₃₂	5⅛-5⅛
Dollar CDs:	3.14-3.11	n/a	3.19-3.16	3.37-3.34	3.63-3.60
Building Society CDs:	5⁹⁄₃₂-5⁹⁄₃₂	5⁹⁄₃₂-5⁹⁄₃₂	5¹¹⁄₃₂-5¼	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £377m allotted: £100m: Bids: £98.735% received: 95%: Last week: £98.730% received: 80%: Avge rate: £5.0739 % last wk £5.0916 %: Next week: £100m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3⅛-3	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅞-6⅝	6⅞-6¹³⁄₁₆	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⅞-6⁹⁄₁₆	7⅛-6⅞
French Franc:	12¼-10⅞	10⅝-9⅞	8⅞-8⅝	7⅝-7	10-9
Swiss Franc:	4⅞-4⅝	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	4⅞-4⅝	4⅝-4⁹⁄₁₆	5-4
Yen:	3⅛-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅝

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $379.50-380.50 Close: $374.20-374.70 High: $383.25-383.75
Low: $371.00-371.50 Krugerrand: $373.50-375.50 (£249.00-251.00)
Sovereigns: Old $87.50-89.50 (£58.00-60.00) New $87.50-89.50 (£58.00-60.00)
Platinum: $387.75 (£259.80) Silver: $4.61 (£3.09) Palladium: $138.75 (£92.95)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	550	57	66½	75	6½	15	19
(*596½)	600	26	36	46	25½	36	41
Argyll	300	41	45	52	4½	9	12½
(*329)	330	21	27	34½	14½	21½	25
ASDA	57	10	-	-	2½	-	-
(*65½)	67	4	-	-	7	-	-
Boots	460	42	50	60½	7	14½	18½
(*487)	500	16	29	37½	23½	32	36½
Br Airways	316	35½	42½	-	8	15	-
(*339½)	345	13	26½	-	19	28½	-
BP	300	18½	25½	30½	10½	15½	19½
(*309)	330	6	12½	17½	29	32½	36
Br Steel	110	10½	15½	19	7½	11	13
(*112½)	120	6	11	14½	13	16½	18½
C & W	800	43	59	74½	25	38	44
(*810½)	850	20½	35½	50	55½	65½	71
CU	629	35	-	-	14½	-	-
(*652½)	677	13	-	-	43	-	-
ICI	657	36½	53	-	23½	31	-
(*676)	681	24½	40½	-	36½	43½	-
Kingfishr	632	28½	-	-	26½	-	-
(*635½)	650	19	35½	47½	36½	43	47½
Land Sec	600	64	71	83	5	12	17½
(*648½)	650	29	39½	52	21	30½	37½
M & S	330	36	41½	47½	5	8½	11
(*357½)	360	15	22	29½	15	21	22½
Nat West	500	21	34½	38½	21	29	36½
(*497)	550	5	15	19	58	61	68½
Sainsbury	460	34	44½	54	13	20½	25
(*470½)	500	14½	25	34	34½	42	45½
Shell	600	47½	56½	62	7	14½	24
(*639)	650	13½	29	34	31	38	48½
Smkl Bch	420	41½	51	59	11	19½	23½
(*448½)	460	19½	30½	38½	29½	39	43
Storehse	200	16	22½	25½	6½	11½	13½
(*211)	220	7	12	16	17½	22½	24½
Trafalgar	100	9½	-	-	6	-	-
(*104)	110	6½	9½	12½	11½	15	17
Unilever	950	47	64½	76½	25	35	48
(*959½)	1000	22	40	50½	53	64½	76
Zeneca	600	64½	74	83	8½	15½	26
(*655½)	650	27½	43½	52	27½	35½	49½

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Oct	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met	390	44	53½	57½	6	15½	16
(*419)	420	24½	34½	40½	17	29	32
Ladbroke	180	24	31	32½	5½	9½	15
(*198½)	200	12	19½	22	14	19	25½
Utd Bisc	360	36	46½	49	10½	18½	25½
(*380½)	390	18	30	33	25	35	41½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	750	49	71½	76	1	11½	18
(*797½)	800	7	39½	46	10½	30	38
Thames W.	500	6	26½	31½	3	20	25
(*501½)	550	1	7	13	49½	55½	57½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	450	6½	28½	39½	5	19	24½
(*452½)	500	1	9½	18½	51½	52½	55½
BTR	390	17	26½	34	1	11	14½
(*403½)	420	1½	11	20½	16½	27½	30½
Br Aero	430	16	48	63	4	30	41
(*435)	460	2	30	45	32	54½	64½
Br Telcm	420	7	17	22½	2½	19	25½
(*424)	460	1	5	8½	37	49	53
Cadbury	460	24½	38½	50½	1	13	18
(*481½)	500	1½	17½	29½	19½	33	38½
Guinness	460	14	35	47	2	17	24
(*470)	500	1	15	27	30	41	47
GEC	330	19	29½	35	1	6	10½
(*343½)	360	1½	12½	19	14	20½	24½
Hanson	240	6	14½	18½	1½	9	13½
(*245)	260	1	6½	9	16	22	25½
LASMO	130	9	17	22	1½	8½	12½
(*137)	140	3	12	17	6	14	17½
Lucas	140	9	15	21½	1½	9	12½
(*147½)	160	1	7	12½	14½	22	25
Pilkingtn	140	5	14½	16	1½	7½	12½
(*145)	160	1	6	7½	17½	20½	25
Prudential	300	30	34½	39	1	5½	8½
(*327)	330	3½	13	22½	5	17½	21½
Redland	500	30	46	58	1½	17	24½
(*525½)	550	1½	21	34½	26	45	50½
Royal Ins	317	26½	35½	43½	1	8½	13½
(*342)	346	3½	18	27	7½	21½	25½
Tesco	200	16½	24½	30½	1	7	11
(*214)	230	2½	13	19½	7	16½	21
Vodafone	460	37½	55	65	1	10	19
(*496½)	500	4	30	42½	9½	27½	36
Williams	300	33½	37½	45	1	6½	11
(*331½)	330	6	18½	27½	4	20½	24½

FT-SE INDEX (*2970)

	2850	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100
Calls						
Aug	136	84	44	16	5½	1
Sep	148	107	70	44	23	12
Oct	165	127	94	66	45	25
Nov	185	148	117	88	67	48
Dec	-	165	-	105	-	64
Puts						
Aug	2½	5½	16	40	91	129
Sep	14	22	37	61	93	134
Oct	23	37	55	77	106	143
Nov	37	55	70	93	121	154
Dec	-	63	-	102	-	163

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	17½	30	39½	7½	15	22½
(*401½)	420	4	15½	23½	26½	32	38
Amstrad	30	6½	8	8½	1	2	2½
(*35)	35	3	5	6	3	4	5
Barclays	460	45½	56	64½	4	11½	18
(*497)	500	14	30	40½	18	28	35½
Blue Circ	260	17	25	31½	7	16	20½
(*268½)	280	7	15½	22	18	27½	31
Br Gas	300	15	20	25½	6	13	17½
(*308)	330	3½	8	12½	24½	33	35½
Dixons	220	22½	32½	38	4½	11	15
(*236)	240	11	21	27½	13½	20	24½
Forte	200	22½	27½	32	3	8	12
(*219)	220	8½	15½	22½	11	17½	21½
Hillsdwn	140	14	19	23	3½	8	11
(*149½)	160	4	8½	13	14	19½	22½
Lonrho	130	7	13½	17½	7½	13	16
(*127)	140	3½	9	13½	15	19	22
Sears	100	11½	14	16	1½	3½	4½
(*109)	110	4½	7½	10½	4½	7½	9½
Thrn Emi	950	21½	49	60½	28	42½	53
(*935)	1000	6	26½	39	66½	73½	84½
Tomkins	220	24½	32	36½	2½	7	10½
(*241)	240	9	21	25½	9	15	19
TSB	200	17	24	28	3½	8½	13
(*214)	220	6	14	18	14	18½	23½
Wellcome	650	38	61	74	17	37	48½
(*676½)	700	15	36	51	46	67½	75½

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Glaxo	900	42½	53	65½	8½	25	37
(*928)	950	14½	29½	42½	33	54	64½
HSBC	650	70½	88	105	5	15	34½
(*713½)	700	33	57½	76	21	35	57
Reuter	1450	102	145	165	13	45	70
(*1535)	1500	67	115	140	27	60	88

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Feb
R-Royce	140	12	17	20	5	10½	13
(*146½)	160	3	8½	11	17	23	24½

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Oct	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Fisons	160	20	23	27	7	11½	15
(*171½)	180	9½	13	17½	17½	23	26

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastrn Elc	500	12	33	41½	2	15	22½
(*509½)	550	1	11½	18½	42½	45½	51

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Natl Pwr	330	25½	38	41½	3½	9	13½
(*352)	360	8	20½	25	16½	20½	26½
Scot Pwr	330	8½	18	22	10½	16	20½
(*335)	350	2	9½	-	26	28½	-

August 6, 1993 Tot: 37859 Call: 23494 Put: 14365 FT-SE Call: 4242 Put: 7447
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee is again taking first place as the most volatile commodity market in London, following two days of option related activity. A large number of "out-of-the-money" call options were bought a few months ago by traders betting that the coffee price would soar. When it did, the market makers were forced to cover, sending prices sharply higher. With the buying complete, this caused a vigourous tail-spin.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	737-736	Dec	820-818
Dec	755-754	Mar	832 SLR
Mar	775 SLR	May	848-842
May	785-784	Jul	855-845
Jul	795 BID		
Sep	805-804		Volume: 4464

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1138-1136	May	1090 BID
Nov	1106-1104	Jul	1100-1080
Jan	1098 BID	Sep	1100-1080
Mar	1100-1095		Volume: 6327

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	269.4-67.0
Spot: 283.0		Aug	274.1-69.6
Oct	266.5-65.0	Oct	265.1-59.7
Dec	265.4-63.6	Dec	267.1-59.7
Mar	267.5-66.0		Volume: 568

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 6

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	73.45	94.88	131.15
(+/-)	+2.43	+2.17	+1.15
Eng/Wales:	73.45	94.74	131.09
(+/-)	+2.43	+2.26	+1.15
(%)	-9.1	-12.0	-37.2
Scotland:	n/a	95.73	132.90
(+/-)	n/a	-1.93	-2.09
(%)	n/a	-33.3	-75.6

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	100.7	101.5	Mar	104.0	104.0
Sep	unq	unq			Volume: 9

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	104.65
Nov	105.85
Jan	107.60
Mar	109.65
May	111.60
	Volume: 383

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	99.25
Nov	101.75
Jan	103.50
Mar	106.40
May	107.50
	Volume: 117

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	170.00
Oct	170.00
Dec	171.00
Feb	172.00
Apr	172.50
	Volume: 700

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	65.0
Apr	81.5	81.1
May	unq	93.0
		Volume: 69

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Sep 60.25-60.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): News that Nigeria was producing at levels above the Opec quota pushed prices lower.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.35	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Aug)	16.50	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.45	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.40	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	17.80	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	190 (-2)	191 (-3)
Gasoil EEC	156 (-3)	157 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Aug	157 (-3)	158 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Sep	159 (-2)	160 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	61 (n/c)
Naphtha	160 (-1)	162 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Aug	156.25-56.50	Nov	161.50-61.75
Sep	157.25-57.50	Dec	163.50-63.75
Oct	159.25-59.50	Jan	165.25-65.50
			Vol: 14382

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	16.45-16.47	Dec	16.88-16.90
Oct	16.60-16.62	Jan	16.98-17.03
Nov	16.76-16.77		Vol: 22692

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	181.00-82.50	Nov	unq
Sep	179.75-80.75	Dec	unq
Oct	unq		Vol: 109

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 93	1360	1356	1365
Sep 93	1400	1380	1403
Oct 93	1435	1425	1430
Nov 93	1459	1440	1450

Vol: 284 lots. Open int'st: 3057 Index 1334 +3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1963.0-1964.0	1949.5-1950.0	904525
Lead ($/tonne)	398.00-399.00	410.00-411.00	156175
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	896.00-897.00	910.00-911.00	310450
Tin ($/tonne)	4850.0-4855.0	4900.0-4905.0	9095
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1209.0-1209.5	1231.5-1232.0	931100
Nickel ($/tonne)	4871.0-4872.0	4920.0-4930.0	20574

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Cowboys riding high for game at Wembley

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

THE last time the Dallas Cowboys played at Wembley, in the inaugural American Bowl, they were trading on a musty "America's team" image. In reality, in 1986 they were making up the numbers against the mighty Chicago Bears of McMahon, Singletary and the Fridge, winners of the previous Super Bowl and, not surprisingly, 17-6 winners at Wembley.

These days the Cowboys are *número uno* and tomorrow they play the Detroit Lions in the eighth edition of the National Football League's mission to Britain, one of four overseas exhibitions in eight days.

In 1989, Dallas, under new ownership and new coaching, won just one game. Remarkable progress over four seasons yielded a Super Bowl championship against the Buffalo Bills last January.

The game tomorrow, which kicks off at 5.30pm, will be the second practice game for both clubs. Last weekend the Cowboys lost 13-7 to the Minnesota Vikings and the Lions beat Buffalo 14-7. Dallas lacked Troy Aikman, the most-valuable player in the Super Bowl, who underwent surgery for a herniated disc five weeks ago.

Aikman, who has been throwing without pain, plans to join workouts in pads when the club returns from London. Hugh Millen is preparing as a starter in place of Aikman, who intends to be ready for the season opener on Monday, September 6, in Washington against the Redskins.

Rodney Peete improved his chances of winning the quarterback's job for Detroit by completing two scoring tosses against the Bills last week. Others vying for the position are Andre Ware and Chuck Long.

The leading running back of the Cowboys, Emmitt Smith, is not with the club because he has not signed a contract. He will probably miss training camp and the season opener.

Wayne Fontes, the Detroit coach, believes the Lions are ready for the Cowboys. "Our goal is to be a better team when we leave than when we got here. The game will be on national TV in the States and everybody wants to beat the Cowboys. I think we're going to win."

PREVIOUS RESULTS: American Bowl at Wembley (attendance in brackets): 1986: Chicago Bears 17, Dallas Cowboys 6 (82,669). 1987: LA Rams 28, Denver Broncos 27 (72,786). 1988: Miami Dolphins 27, San Francisco 49ers 21 (70,535). 1989: Philadelphia Eagles 17, Cleveland Browns 13 (73,677). 1990: New Orleans Saints 17, Los Angeles Raiders 10 (63,106). 1991: Buffalo Bills 17, Philadelphia Eagles 13 (50,474). 1992: San Francisco 49ers 17, Washington Redskins 15 (61,722)

Welshman rediscovers touch to seize lead

Swashbuckling Woosnam at ease with putter

FROM MEL WEBB IN MUNICH

IAN Woosnam bustled on to the tee early yesterday morning with a businesslike glint in his eye, obviously in no mood for compromise. He felt he had achieved something worthwhile on the first day of the BMW International Open, and was plainly eager to get back to work. His score, 68, and his total, 133, 11 under par, showed quite clearly that the muse had remained with him; he leads the tournament by a shot.

Woosnam's constant search for a putter with which he could feel some empathy has led him into an odyssey of self-doubt in recent times. He says that when his putting is out of kilter, so the rest of his game becomes similarly afflicted. It is illogical, he admits, but it happens.

The middle-aged Harold Swash model he found gathering dust in his garage while he was preparing to move house last week has been like reacquaintance with an old friend. Adjustments have been needed, but when are they not upon meeting long-lost buddies? Woosnam had decided overnight to stand a little more upright over the putter, found he could line his putts up much better and was rewarded by three birdies and an eagle against a solitary bogey.

He, like all the best players in any sport, needs to win, needs to succeed for reasons more important than the mere money. They have their sensibilities, these rare people, and the most important of them is pride in their own performance. Woosnam's target at the moment is earning a place in the Ryder Cup team. Earning a place, note, not being given one by Bernard Gallacher as one of his three wild-card selections for the European team.

Woosnam had a birdie on the par-five 11th hole, his second, when he put a three-wood on the edge of the green and two-putted from 18 feet. He dropped a shot on the next, three-putting from 15 feet. Last month, last week even, it would have weighed heavily, but on this day he was in no mood for capitulation. He did not get another birdie for ten holes, but was putting more solidly and consistently than he had for many a long day.

He finally did pick up another shot, a four-foot putt after a precisely-struck nine-iron on the 4th, and on the long 6th he hit a three-iron to 25 feet and sank the putt across the green.

His final birdie came with a 12-foot putt on the 8th; long before this, though, he had been walking with that familiar, peacock strut that means he is at one with his game. "It's a good halfway position," he said. "I feel if I putt nicely I have got a good chance of winning. Anyway, I'll be there or thereabouts."

Woosnam, who leads Joakim Haeggman and De Wet Basson with a gaggle of players, including Bernhard Langer, a shot further back, thus walked away from his day's labours with optimism renewed.

As he left he might have caught sight of Sandy Lyle hitting putt after putt in his long and tormented search for peace on the greens. He had had scores of 73 and 72 and had missed the cut by miles, but still, grim-faced, he worked on. For the former Open champion, the glimmer of hope is as distant as the faintest star.

SECOND ROUND

GB and Ireland unless stated

133: I Woosnam, 65, 68. 134: D W Basson (SA), 66, 68, J Haeggman (Swe), 69, 65. 135: G Marchbank, 66, 69, P Mitchell, 69, 66, B Langer (Ger), 66, 69, T Gogeglo (Can), 67, 68. 136: M James, 64, 72, D Mijnac (Can), 69, 67, P Lowrey, 66, 70, P Fowler (Aus), 67, 69, M McNulty (Zim), 66, 70, D Ray, 64, 72, G Orr, 67, 69

137: J Cuevo (Spi), 67, 70, A Cottal, 67, 70, J Robinson, 65, 72, Y Boamonte (Spi), 68, 68, S Giuppaconi (It), 68, 69, S Lyle, 67, 70. 138: J Townsend (US), 68, 70, D Gilford 68, 70, R McFarlane, 68, 70, R Lee, 70, 68, A Gallner (Swe), 69, 69, D A Russell, 66, 72, M Miller, 68, 70, D Feherty, 69, 69, A Forsbrand (Swe), 71, 67, L Trimler (Aus), 66, 72

In the swing: Woosnam, who leads in Munich

SPORT IN BRIEF

Lloyd almost bowled over by big lead

CAROLE Lloyd, of the Milton Park bowls club, Portsmouth, seemed so surprised to be holding a big lead in her Liverpool Victoria EWBA singles semi-final at Royal Leamington Spa yesterday that she almost said goodbye to her place in the final (David Rhys Jones writes). After leading 18-5, Lloyd saw Yvonne Webb, of RACS, Gravesend, square the match at 20-20, before she claimed the winning single.

Unaccustomed to straightforward victories, Lloyd had fought her way into the semi-final from poor positions in her previous three games. Pat Blackmore, of Pineholt, led 13-5 in the second round, but Lloyd scored 16 shots to four over the last 11 ends; Barbara Parfoot, of Windsor and Eton, was 19-13 in front, but lost 21-19; Anne Hayward, of Westlecot, looked home at 17-7, but Lloyd breasted the tape at 21-18.

Lloyd will face Dorothy Prior, of Worcestershire, who beat Di Whittingham, of Hove, in the final today.

Lenehan in command

EQUESTRIANISM: A dazzling display of jumping by Leslie Lenehan on the grey, Gem Twist, brought the United States victory in the Nations Cup at the Dublin international horse show yesterday. Lenehan, a past World Cup winner, relishes the big time and had Gem Twist soaring cleanly over the fences in a way that he has not done since he won a silver medal for a different rider in the Olympics. Three of Britain's four jumped clear rounds: Michael Whitaker (Everest Monsanta), David Broome (Lanegan) and Marie Edgar (Everest Sure Thing). The US team finished with eight faults; Britain and Germany were joint second on 16, retaining Germany's half-point lead in the world series.

Britain reach final

ROWING: Great Britain are on course to maintain their successful record in the coxless fours at the world junior championships in Norway. The British crew had a comfortable victory yesterday in reaching the final, where they will face a German crew who beat tougher opposition in their semi-final. Britain have won the gold medal in the event five times in the last six years, past crews including such notable personnel as the Olympic champions, Jonny and Greg Searle. Also through to today's finals for Britain are the eight, coxed four and women's coxless pair.

England relinquish title

SQUASH: England's defence of the world junior women's team championship ended yesterday in Kuala Lumpur when they lost a hard-fought semi-final 3-0 to Australia and dropped into a play-off for third place against Egypt. Australia, having already taken the individual title from England last week, today meet New Zealand and victory for them would mean that all four men's and women's world team titles were, uniquely, in the possession of one nation. Scotland beat Germany 2-1 and will contest fifth place with South Africa today.

Graf's dizziness passes

TENNIS: Steffi Graf had no recurrence of her dizziness and headaches on Thursday as she and Arantxa Sánchez Vicario won in straight sets to reach the quarter-finals of the Carlsbad Classic tournament in California. Her ailments hampered her during a second-round victory on Tuesday and caused her to withdraw from the doubles.

Chris Bailey, the British No 3, went out to 6-2, 6-4 to the second-seeded Austrian, Alex Antonitsch, in the quarter-finals of the ATP Challenger in Istanbul yesterday.

Gregory comes back

RUGBY LEAGUE: After several operations similar to those undergone by Paul Gascoigneto rebuild his shattered knees, Mike Gregory, the former Great Britain captain, makes a comeback in his testimonial for Warrington tomorrow against a Welsh XIII. Gregory, 29, will resume his place in the second row from where he inspired Britain to series victories against New Zealand in 1989 and 1990.

☐ David Fraisse, the French international centre, has agreed to a transfer after a trial with Sheffield Eagles.

Bagpipe overture to false start confusion

BY ALIX RAMSAY

WITH some sunshine allied to a gentle breeze yesterday, those members of the Cowes Week fleet taking part in the Fastnet race got just the gentle warm-up they needed.

A weather forecast which had predicted north-westerly, westerly or south-westerly winds, left the race officers to try and set courses that could accommodate any one of three possibilities.

There was an end-of-term feeling as a piper aboard Sealion, one of the class 3 boats, provided musical accompaniment to the fleet's approach to the start line.

Unfortunately, all had to be recalled and many of them made a false start at the second attempt as well. After all this chaos had been sorted out, Cooltide, chartered by Matt Sheahan, took the honours.

In the Etchells, Thursday's winner, Katchem, had the worst of an argument with the Prince Consort buoy, a collision which broke the boom, made a mess of the bow and forced her to retire.

Chris Little's Bounder of the Century, having seen more than enough of Camp Freddie's stern in CHS class 1, was first across the line to take the Rocking Chair Trophy, giving Greg Peck a rare taste of defeat.

The crew of Shadowfax, in the Sigma 33s, also had to come to term with defeat. After five wins, they were edged out by Richard Fulford-Smith's Out Of Order.

Fastnet record in peril

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

THE Fastnet race record will be under threat this weekend when ten Whitbread Round the World Race yachts line up with 237 entries off Cowes for this 605-mile biennial classic.

The record, set by Marvin Green's American maxi, Nirvana, in 1985, stands at two days 12hr 41min, but judging by the performance of Pierre Felmann's ketch-rigged Merit Cup, when she stormed round the Isle of Wight last week in 4hr 41min, beating the previous best time for a monohull by almost an hour, she has an obvious chance of setting a new mark.

Fehlmann's yacht is lined up against two other almost identical Bruce Farr Whitbread maxi designs, Daniel Malle's French entry, La Poste, and New Zealand's Endeavour, skippered by Grant Dalton. All eyes, however, are likely to rest on Lawrie Smith's giant Spanish war-horse Fortuna, in her first race since being cut in half, extended by more than two metres and having a huge mizzen wing-mast planted on her stern.

Fortuna, once the smallest, lightest yacht in the Whitbread fleet is now the heaviest, weighing 5½ tons more than Endeavour and carrying almost 100 square metres more sail area. The Fastnet race, which gave an accurate pointer to the outcome of the last Whitbread event, gives these crews a first chance to compare performances.

The Italian team, which lost its top 50-footer Mandrake after a spectacular crash with the Dutch yacht Promotion, goes into this final race of the Admiral's Cup series defending a slender 1.5pt lead over Australia. After losing to the French two years ago by just 0.62 of a point, they will need superlative performances from their remaining team yachts, Brava Q8 and Larouge, if they are not to be disappointed again.

Britain's three-boat team, languishing in seventh place, can only aim for a performance which will salvage some pride from a deeply disappointing performance.

Harold Cudmore, knocked out of the series when Jameson 1 sank during the first race, returns to the fray, replacing Gordon Maguire as the skipper of Jameson 2, which was out of the water yesterday after the crew found a split in her carbon fibre hull.

FOR THE RECORD

REAL TENNIS

BALLARAT, Australia: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals (Aus unless stated): J Snow (GB) bt J Hryscos, 6-2, 6-3, 5-6, 6-1. A Mckellburgh bt A Lyons (GB), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2. N Wood (GB) bt B McFarlane, 6-1, 6-1, 6-0; F Filippelli bt M Edwards, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 11, Colorado Rockies 4; Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Houston Astros 2; New York Mets 12, Montreal Expos 9 (13 inns). Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Chicago Cubs 2; San Francisco Giants 5, San Diego Padres 3. Philadelphia Phillies 10, Atlanta Braves 4. St Louis Cardinals 16, Florida Marlins 6.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 5, Toronto Blue Jays 4; Boston Red Sox 2, Minnesota Twins 1; Cleveland Indians 8, Detroit Tigers 4; Seattle Mariners 3, Oakland A's 2; California Angels 5, Kansas City Royals 4, Baltimore Orioles 3, Milwaukee Brewers 1, Texas Rangers 7, Chicago White Sox 1

BOWLS

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA: Liverpool Victoria English women's national championships: Singles: Second round: W Barnard (Brixham) bt D Woodley (Penhill, Swindon), 21-9; N Poole (Mansfield, Notts) bt A Parker (Carlton Conway, Notts), 21-8; J Balding (Spalding) bt M Tims (Whitnash, Warwicks), 21-19; Y Webb (RACS, Gravesend) bt B Howard (Magdalen Park, Wandsworth), 21-15; B Parfoot (Windsor and Eton) bt R Else (Rayleigh), 21-10, C Lloyd (Milton Park, Hants) bt P Blackmore (Pineholt, Gloucs), 21-17; M Price (Burnham, Bucks) bt B Alderton (Borough Park, Redcar), 21-13; A Hayward (Westlecot, Swindon) bt E Rick (Bedford Women), 21-18, P Prior (Hewell, Worcs) bt A Holliday (Maesgwana, Chiswick), 21-8, P Pond (Tiehurst, Bucks) bt P Lee (Plymouth CS), 21-18; S Smith (North Walsham) bt P Corps (Edenside, Carlisle), 21-9, C Pollington (Borough of Eye) bt P Proud (Cowes), 21-19; D Moss (Derby West End) bt R Carey Snitterfield, Warwicks), 21-13; D Whitingham (Kingsway Hove) bt F Brown (Townsend, St Albans), 21-15; L Thalwell (Marlow) bt M Christmas (Cambridge Chesterton), 21-8; J Baker (Blackwell, Derbys) bt J Roylance (North Walsham), 21-18. Third round: Barnard bt Poole, 21-15. Webb bt Balding, 21-13, Lloyd bt Parfoot, 21-19; Hayward bt Price, 21-11; Prior bt Pond, 21-14; Pollington bt Smith, 21-13; Whitingham bt Moss, 21-19. Thalwell bt Baker, 21-20. Quarter-finals: Webb bt Barnard, 21-15; Lloyd bt Hayward, 21-18, Prior bt Pollington, 21-18; Whitingham bt Thalwell, 21-16. Fours: Third round: City and County of Oxford bt Rottingdean, 24-16, Blaby (P Blair) bt Rugby Thornfield (M Edwards), 17-15, Sutton, Surrey (P Wild) bt Leominster (D Hodgson), 24-15, Broadstone, Dorset (R Peters) bt Ramsey, Hunts (D Grange), 22-14, Barnwell, Gloucs (B Carey) bt Gravesend (M Webster), 22-21, Springhead, Hull (J Pindar) bt Chacewater, Cornwall (P Pascoe), 25-14; Wellingborough (J Abel) bt Hagbourne, Berks (P Tate), 34-15, Loughborough (M Michaud) bt Mitchehead (J Murrell), 15-13. Quarter-finals: City and County of Oxford bt Blaziey, Leics, 23-12; Broadstone, Dorset bt Sutton, Surrey, 16-12; Barnwood, Gloucs bt Springhead, Hull, 25-16; Wellingborough bt Loughborough, 22-14.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Singles: First round: G Laurie (Linlithgow) bt A Morrison (Gilmerton), 21-7, P Brown (Crail) bt J Whitelaw (St Rollox), 21-16, W Yule (Glencairn) bt A Shaw (Cumbernauld), 21-7; W Ferguson (Kirn and Hunters Quay) bt D Taylor (West Linton), 21-9

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Lakenham: Bedfordshire 209-7 dec (R N Dalton 73, D R Thomas 5-45) and 30-0; Norfolk 225-2 dec (S G Plumb 96 not out) Mildenhall: Staffordshire 230-3 dec (S Dean 86, D Banks 76) and 275-4 dec (S Dean 71). Suffolk 205-5 dec (C Miller 84, M Peck 56 not out) and 263-8 (M Peck 74). Match drawn

EQUESTRIANISM

DUBLIN: Kerrygold pairs relay: 1, Rose Marie de Dampierre (E Coupierre, Fr) and Sidora d'Arevell (F Roder, Fr), 103.65sec; 2, Bluegrass (R Splane, Ire) and Uncle Ben (E Doyle, Ire), 104.41; 3, Samsung Sabatnia Des Pres (R-Y Bost, Fr) and Nodal de Thurin (N Pellox, Fr), 107.23, 4, Everest Unique (M Edgar, GB) and Bond Gringo (E-J Brown, GB), 109.24. Irish Nations' Cup (Aga Khan Trophy): 1, United States, 8 faults (Tha General, M Matz, Trushing, D Matz, Gem Twist, L Lenehan, Suddenly, A Kursinski), 2 equal, Great Britain (Lanegan, D Broome; Everest Monsanta, M Whitaker; Everest Sure Thing, M Edgar; Corona, G Billington) and Germany, 16

GLIDING

LA ROCHE SUR YON, France: European junior championships: Final standings: Standard, 1, L Temhoff (Den, Discus), 5,401pts; 2, K Sieberl (Ger, Discus), 5,346, 3, M Grund (Ger, Discus), 5,264, 4, S Colombo (It, Discus), 5,232; 5, A Kessler (Ger, LS7), 5,180; 6, F Dubreuil (Fr, Discus). British: 14, B Marsh (ASW24), 4,629, 21, D Alison (LS4), 4,305. Club: 1, Y Mignot (Fr, C101), 5,621, 2, J Bouzid (Fr, C101), 5,460. 3, F Hahn (Ger, ASW15A), 5,323; 4, M Haussler (Ger, 201B), 5,225, 5, L Hansen (Den, LS1), 5,162, 6, F Van Hastf (Holl, ASW19), 5,137. British: 11, K Hodgson (Pegase), 4,311; 14, S Housden (ASW19), 4,107; 15, R Toon (Astir), 3,999.

GOLF

GRAND BLANC, Michigan: Buick Open: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 64: L Mize, 66: P Goydos, P Stewart. J Huston 67: S Elkington (Aus), S Lamontagne, D Love III, D Trider, 68: G Norman (Aus), F Funk, R Tway, S Gump, 69: N Lancaster, F Zoeller, B Faxon, T Conley, J McGovern, J D Blake, D Hart, K Clearwater, H Irwin, P Persons, L Wadkins, M O'Meara

STRATTON MOUNTAIN, Vermont: Women's tournament: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 68: D Lofian-Dunmann, 67: I Sirchwa-Graham, C Page-Curner, 69: N Ramsbottom, N Harvey (Can), 70: M Zimmerman, M Will, S Hamlin. British scores: 72: A Nicholas. 73: S Maynor. 74: P Wright, S Strudwick. 76: C Pierce. 77: H Dobson. 79: K Davies

SUNNINGDALE: PGA Forte Seniors event: Leading first-round scores (GB unless stated): 69: R Thatcher (US); B Proudfoot, B Huggett. 70: R Varney (SA); H Muscroft; A Sherrit (Ire). 71: B Allen; F Booyer, B Buter; R Fidler; J Wilkshire. 72: C O'Connor (Ire), T Horton, J Foure (SA); A Murphy (Ire); K Davidson. 73: H Boggs (SA), W Hector, N Coles; D Beattie, J Scott, G Gledhill, V Tshabalala (SA), J Donoghue; J Thorne, D Crark.

MOTOR RALLYING

ROTORUA: New Zealand rally: Second day: Leading positions: 1, D Auriol (Fr), Toyota, 4hr 23min; 2, C McRae (GB), Subaru, 4.23.02; 3, F Delecour (Fr), Ford, 4.23.05; 4, C Sainz (Sp), Lancia, 4.25.01; 5, J Kankkunen (Finl, Toyota, 4.25.14; 6, P Bourne (NZ), Subaru, 4.29.24.

POWERBOATING

ALL HALLOWS: World 1.3-litre offshore championship: First round: 1, R Smith (GB), Commodore Ferries, 400pts. 2, P Lattle (GB), City Offshore, 300; 3, V Thorildisen (Nor), 225. Second round: 1, Thorildisen, 400; 2, Smith, 300; 3, I Attlee (GB), Fugazi, 225. Third round: 1, B Jacobsen (Nor), Tintorera III, 400pts; 2, V Thorildisen (Nor), Tintorera I, 300. 3, T Manerfelt (Swe), 225. Final standings: 1, Thorildisen, 925; 2, R Smith (GB), Commodore Ferries, 770. 3, P Little (GB), City Offshore, 564

ROWING

ARUNGEN: World junior championships: Men: Coxless fours: Semi-final 1: 1, Great Britain, 7min (go to final); 2, Australia, 7.02; 3, Italy, 7.03 Semi-final 2: 1, Germany, 6.54; 2, Poland, 6.58; 3, Spain, 6.59 Quad sculls: Semi-final 1: 1, Germany, 6.35; 2, France, 6.41; 3, Norway, 6.42; 4, Great Britain, 6.47 (go to B final) Semi-final 2: 1, Sweden, 6.38; 2, Switzerland, 6.40; 3, Italy, 6.42. Coxless pairs: Semi-final 1: 1, Sweden, 7.48; 2, France, 7.47. 3, Switzerland, 7.48; 5, Great Britain, 7.56 (go to B final) Semi-final 2: 1, Germany, 7.46; 2, Australia, 7.51; 3, Italy, 7.51.9 Women: Double Sculls: Semi-final 1: 1, Germany, 8.13, 2, Denmark, 8.16, 3, Norway, 8.19, 4, Great Britain, 8.23 (go to B final) Semi-final 2: 1, Belgium, 8.12, 2, France, 8.14, 3, Czech Republic, 8.18

SQUASH

KUALA LUMPER: World junior women's team championship: Semi-final: Australia 3, England 0 (Australia names first: R Grinham bt D Leeves, 9-4, 3-9, 9-6, 9-2, N Tippett bt J Trenfield, 9-4, 9-3, 7-9, 7-9, 9-5; K Keevil bt S Brind, 9-2, 10-8, 9-3); New Zealand 3, Egypt 0 Fifth place play-offs: Scotland 2, Germany 1 (Scotland names first: C Waddell lost to S Bartel, 3-9, 2-9, 2-9; W Maitland bt C Schlienz, 9-1, 9-6, 9-1; P Nimmo bt S Galgie, 9-7, 9-4, 9-6). South Africa 3, Canada 0 Ninth place play-offs: Ireland 3, United States 0, Ireland 2, Malaysia 1; Hong Kong 2, Singapore 1; Switzerland 2, Hong Kong 1.

SWIMMING

SHEFFIELD: European championships: Men: 400m freestyle: Did not qualify: 21, A Clayton (GB), 4.03.06. 200m breaststroke: Did not qualify: 21, R Maiden (GB), 2.19.93 B finals: Men: 400m freestyle: 1, M Trevisan (It), 3min 53.71sec. 200m breaststroke: 1, C Panicaud (Fr), 2.16.76; 6, G O'Toole (Ire), 2.18.45. Women: 100m butterfly: 1, M Stromberg (Swe), 1.01.89; 5, L Goodwin (GB), 1.03.13 100m breaststroke: 1, D Ajnenkiel (Pol), 1.11.76, 5, M Hardman (GB), 1.12.18. A finals: Men: 400m freestyle: 1, A Kasvo (Fin), 3min 47.81sec, 2, P Palmer (GB), 3.48.14 (British record), 3, A Holmertz (Swe), 3.48.98; 4, S Zassner (Ger), 3.49.18; 5, E Sadovyi (Russ), 3.49.84, 6, J Hoffman (Ger), 3.51.24; 7, E Logmov (Ukr), 3.52.72; 8, P Sciliano (It), 3.53.05. 200m breaststroke: 1, N Gillingham (GB), 2.12.49, 2, K Gutller (Hun), 2.13.26; 3, A Korneev (Russ), 2.14.20; 4, D Jarzyna (Pol), 2.14.79; 5, S Vossari (Fr), 2.15.13; 6, J Fernandez (Sp), 2.15.86; 7, B Mark (Nor), 2.16.36, 8, P Debuschgnsave (Bel), 2.16.72. 4 x 100m freestyle: 1, Russia, 3.18.80, 2, Sweden, 3.19.33; 3, Germany, 3.20.13, 4, France, 3.20.22; 5, Ukraine, 3.21.31; 6, Finland, 3.21.80; 7, Great Britain, 3.22.37; 8, Croatia, 3.26.87. Women: 100m butterfly: 1, C Plewinski (Fr), 1.00.13; 2, F van Almsick (Ger), 1.00.94; 3, B Ustrowski (Ger), 1.01.06; 4, I de Bruijn (Hol), 1.01.22, 5, O Karichenko (Russ), 1.01.23; 6, C Jeanson (Fr), 1.01.52; 7, M Moravcova (Slovakia), 1.01.70; 8, K Brienesse (Holl), 1.01.95 100m breaststroke: 1, S Gerasch (Ger), 1.10.65; 2, S Bondarenko (Ukr), 1.10.29, 3, E Roudkowskaya (Belarus), 1.10.52; 4, B Becus (Bel), 1.10.56; 5, E Austenoff (Nor), 1.10.67; 6, M Dalla Valle (It), 1.11.11; 7, M Kuplec (Pol), 1.11.42; 8, J King (GB), 1.12.37. Qualifiers for 800m freestyle final: 1, O Spichalova (Cz Rep), 8.41.08; 2, I Deiby (Ner), 8.41.65; 3, J Henke (Ger), 8.42.88, 4, S Hardcastle (GB), 8 44 62; 5, B Coecia (Rom), 8.45.11; 6, C Seltne (Ger), 8.45 44; 7, K Vaughus (Holl), 8.47.51; 8, M Nilsson (Swe), 8.49.06.

TENNIS

ISTANBUL: Men's ATP Challenger tournament: Selected results: Second round: L Roux (Fr) bt M Petchey (GB), 6-2, 6-2; C Bailey (GB) bt A Foster (GB), 6-7, 7-6, 7-5. Quarter-finals: A Antonitsch (Austria) bt Bailey, 6-2, 6-4.

WINNIPEG, Canada: Women's challenger tournament: First round: R Simpson (Can) bt L Ahl (GB), 6-3, 6-1; J Pullin (GB) bt L O'Neill (Aus), 6-4, 6-4, A Creek (US) bt L Woodroffe (GB), 6-7, 6-3, 7-5, R Jansen (US) bt J Salmon (GB), 6-4, 2-6, 7-5. Second round: L Spadea (US) bt Pullin, 6-2, 6-1.

YACHTING

COWES WEEK: CHS class 1 (Rocking Chair Trophy): 1, Bounder of the Century, C Little; 2, Campo Freddie, G Peck, 3, Best of Boogie, R Schlacter. CHS class 2 (J Samuel White Cup): 1, Local Hero, G Howison; 2, Ross Systems, J Visser; 3, Runaway, R Kemp. CHS class 3 (Damant Cup): 1, Coolide, M Sheahan, 2, Kozmos, I Graham; 3, Expresso, J Taylor CHS class 4 (De Soia Cup): 1, Owl, P Bruce; 2, Spring Fever, S Hennings; 3, Sandettie, J Krigsman CHS class 5 (Zewyl Trophy): 1, Happy Hunter, O Pelzer, 2, Wildfire, P Handley; 3, Nicolet Belle, C and H Neve. CHS class 6 (Cowes Town Cup): 1, Pickles, R Williams, 2, Needlework, J Lord and B Elvy; 3, Gemini Hunter, A Kalsevaart. IMS class A: 1, Daytripper, J Clark; 2, Magic, P Broon, Sigma 38 (Undine Cup): 1, Arbitrator, P Bailey; 2, Summer Pudding, D Knight, 3, Be Careful Please, D Cullen. Sigma 33 (Yachting World Trophy): 1, Out of Order, P Fulford-Smith, 2, Shadowfax, J Nelson, 3, Powder Monkey, R Goddard. Contessa 32 (Jeremy Rogers Trophy): 1, Trader Jo, J Gresham; 2, Contessa Katherine, J and S Roberts; 3, Blue Contessa II, R MacGregor. South Coast OD (Achenor Tankard): 1 Tio Pepe, P Rook, 2, Tuonela, R Harding; 3, Mahogany Log, A Hitt. J24 (Vectis Mug) 1 Head Case, J Calascione, 2, Didgeridoo, P Barton; 3, Joker, S Dillon Sonata (Glanville Trophy): 1 Impromptu, P Sonksen; 2, Cadenza, J Frey; 3, Scirocco, S Tribe Daring (Beal de Ferrand Trophy): 1 Damsel, J Sheldon; 2, Dauntless, P Porter; 3, Finesse, J Raymond. Etchells (Phyl Player Trophy): 1, Flamboyant, C Jago; 2, Jessica, R Power; 3, Full Pelt, S Fen, Dragon (Bell Cup), 1, Dragon Lady, A Garrett; 2, Domino, P Morron, 3, Quicksilver, R Campbell. Swallow (Interim Dividend): 1, Ballerina, T Simpson and S Niel-Mee; 2, Boomerang, J Buckwell, 3, Avocet, J Houghton. Redwing (Ann Clegg Bowl): 1, Red Gauntlet, P Stratton; 2, Curlew, R Culpan; 3, Snowgoose II, K McAlpine Sunbeam (Sunbeam Trophy): 1, Santa Baby, M Williamson, 2, Panny, S Olszowski; 3, Danny, R Wickens. Mermaid (Snowden Salver): 1, Zara, D Derbyshire, 2, Scuttle, M Houdret; 3, Rosemary, N Dobbs. Flying 15 (Tudor Rose Bowl): 1, Forrader, D Rutherford; 2, True Colours, M Dixon; 3, Fhipenek, J Corby. XOD (Frank Beken Trophy). 1, Lone Star, M White; 2, Feltz, J Allenby; 3, Chartreuse, R Rogers. Squib (International Paint Pot): 1, Atom, R Jordan, 2, Setu, D Hewit; 3, Jaap, M Strange. Victory (Sphere Trophy): 1, Steadfast, B Middledich; 2, Blackbird, R Brown, 3, Nada, I Pomyman

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Fifth Cornhill Test
Third day of five
11.0, 90 overs minimum
EDGBASTON: England v Australia

Britannic Assurance county championship
Third day of four
11.0, 110 overs minimum
DURHAM UNIVERSITY: Durham v Derbyshire
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Warwickshire.
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Lancashire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Surrey.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Leicestershire.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Essex
NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire.
HOVE: Sussex v Worcestershire.

One day match
CHELMSFORD: England Under-19 v West Indies under-19

FOOTBALL

FA Charity Shield
Manchester United v Arsenal (Wembley, 12.30) .....

Scottish League
Premier division
3.0 unless stated
Hibernian v Partick .....
Kilmarnock v Dundee .....
Motherwell v Celtic .....
Raith v St Johnstone .....
Rangers v Hearts .....

First division
Brechin v Hamilton .....
Clyde v Morton .....
Clydebank v Ayr .....
Falkirk v Dunfermline .....
St Mirren v Airdrieonians .....
Stirling v Dumbarton .....

Second division
Albion v Alloa .....
Arbroath v Queen Of South .....
Berwick v East Fife .....
Cowdenbeath v Meadowbank .....
Queen's Park v Forfar .....
Stenhousemuir v East Stirling .....
Stranraer v Montrose .....

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EWBA national championships (Leamington).

EQUESTRIANISM: Horse Show (Dublin).

GOLF: Forte PGA Seniors (Sunningdale)

LACROSSE: World Cup (Scotland v Japan (12.0), England v Australia (2.0), Wales v Czech Republic (4.0), US v Canada (6.0) (Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh)

SPEEDWAY: First division: Bradford v Coventry (7.30), Cradley Heath v Ipswich (7.15), King's Lynn v Belle Vue (7.30). Eastbourne v Wolverhampton (7.30). Pharespon Second division KO Cup: Swindon v Edinburgh (7.30).

SWIMMING: European championships (Sheffield)

YACHTING: Admiral's Cup: Fastnet race: (Cowes, 1.30).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

Fifth Cornhill Test
Fourth day of five
11.0
EDGBASTON: England v Australia

Axa Equity & Law League
12.0, 50 overs
Durham University: Durham v Derbyshire
Neath: Glamorgan v Warwickshire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Lancashire
Canterbury: Kent v Surrey
Lord's: Middlesex v Leicestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Essex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire
Hove: Sussex v Worcestershire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Finchampstead: Berkshire v Wiltshire. Slough: Buckinghamshire v Cambridgeshire. Shrewsbury: Shropshire v Dorset. Northop Hall: Wales v Oxfordshire.

OTHER SPORT

MOTOR RACING: British touring car championship (Oulton Park)

BOWLS: EBA Champion of Champions singles final (Worthing).

CYCLING: Kelloggs Grand Prix circuit race (Portsmouth).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Exhibition. Dallas Cowboys v Detroit Lions (Wembley, 5.30).

LACROSSE: World Cup (Australia v Wales (11.0); Japan v US (1.0); Canada v Scotland (4.0); Czech Republic v England (6.0) (Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh).

SPEEDWAY: First division: Belle Vue v Arena Essex (2.30); Second division: Glasgow v Exeter (6.30), Newcastle v Long Eaton (10.30), Peterborough v Oxford (6.30), Rye House v Sheffield (4.0).

SWIMMING: European Championships (Leeds and Sheffield).

YACHTING: Admiral's Cup: Fastnet race (Cowes).

Gold medal swim crowns outstanding European championships for Britain

Gillingham defies odds to retain title with record

By Craig Lord

NICK Gillingham's gold medal and a silver for Paul Palmer at Ponds Forge, Sheffield, yesterday, lifted Britain to its finest performance at a European swimming championships for 19 years.

Not since the event was held in Vienna in 1974 has the national team enjoyed such success. After the eighth of ten days, Gillingham's 200 metres breaststroke victory in a championship record of 2min 12.49sec took the host nation's tally at the 21st European championships to one gold, three silver and five bronze medals. A second gold medal is needed to exceed the success in Austria.

MEDALS TABLE

LEADING NATIONS
(incl diving and synchronised swimming)

	G	S	B
Germany	10	4	6
Russia	9	8	4
Hungary	4	1	-
Finland	2	1	-
Britain	1	3	5
France	1	3	2
Belgium	1	-	-
Poland	1	-	-
Sweden	-	5	3
Ukraine	-	1	2
Romania	-	1	-
Slovakia	-	1	-
Spain	-	1	-
Italy	-	-	2

Gillingham's joy at retaining the title for a record second time was shared with a crowd of almost 2,500.It was their cheering that helped the Briton down a last painful length after he had tracked Karoly Guttler's world-record pace for 150 metres.

The odds were against Gillingham: the Birmingham swimmer was aiming to retain the title and beat Guttler, the Hungarian who had taken the 100 metres breaststroke world record below 1min 1sec for the first time only three days ago.

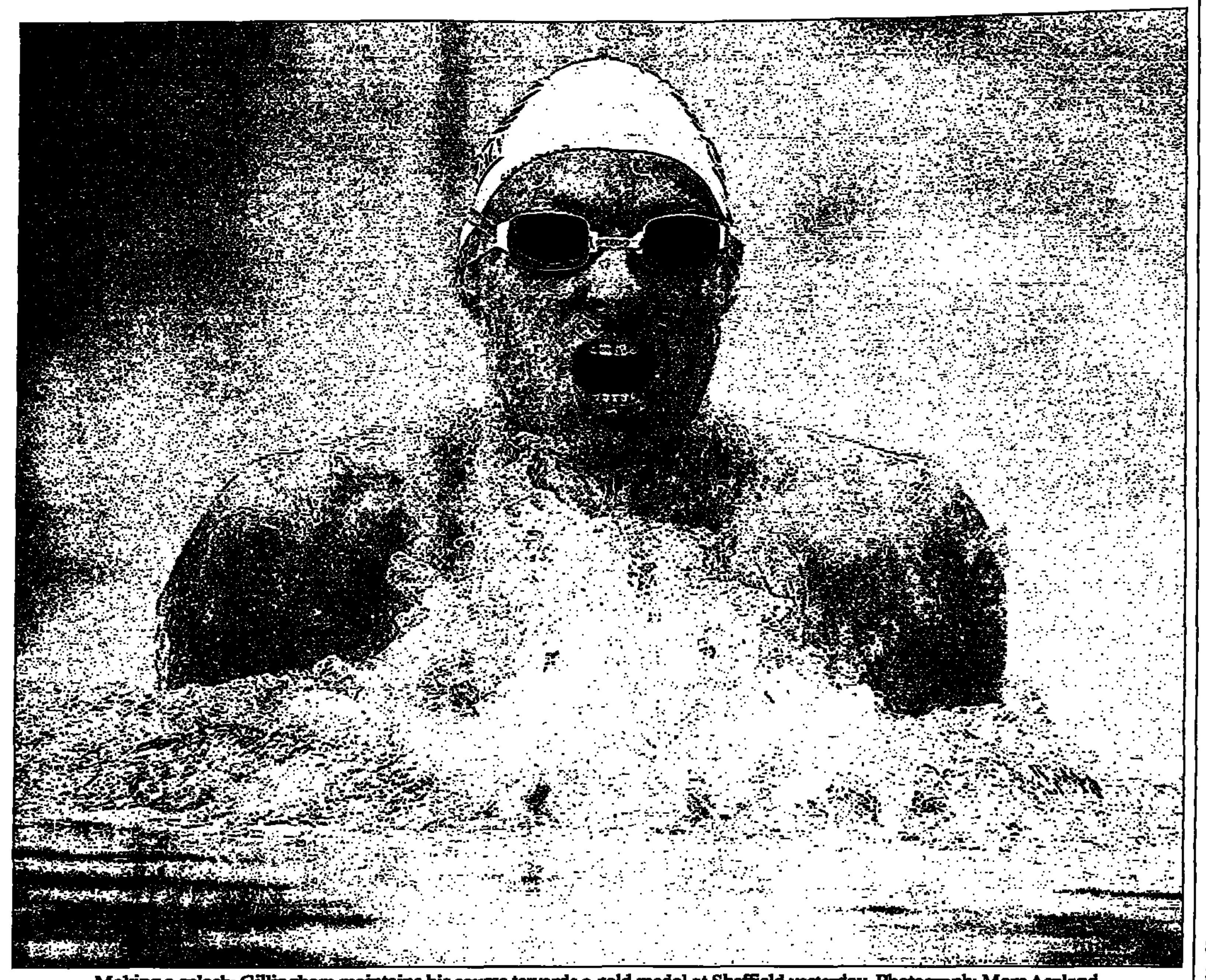
Two years ago, it had been a different Hungarian but the same scenario: Norbert Rozsa had broken the world 100 metres record on the first day of competition at Athens and much was expected of him by the fourth. Gillingham, however, had stayed calm to excel. He did so again last night, although he admitted afterwards: "I'm shaking now.

Gillingham, 26, who finished third in the Olympic Games in Barcelona last year, said the fast pace last night meant that the world record set by Mike Barrowman, of the United States, was safe: "I wasn't able to dictate the pace, which was ridiculously fast." he said. "The icing on the cake would be the world record. I want to be the first under 2min 10sec."

Palmer almost matched Gillingham's feat, finishing second to Antti Kasvio, of Finland, by only 0.33sec in the 400 metres freestyle. Both beat the Olympic champion, Evgeni Sadovyi, of Russia, who finished fifth.

Palmer, the first Briton to win a medal at 400 metres freestyle since Ian Black claimed the title at Budapest in 1958, swam the distance in the fastest silver-medal winning time the event has seen. His 3mins 48.14sec also shattered Kevin Boyd's five-year-old national record and made Palmer the first Briton to swim faster than 3min 50sec.

Palmer switched between third and fourth place throughout the eight-length event, but, by the 250 metres mark, at which Kasvio finally took the lead, he was on the Finn's shoulder. "I didn't know how well I was up because I couldn't see past Kasvio, but I just held on to him." That determination proved his making as he battled down the last 50 metres stroke for stroke with the Finn, whose slight advantage at the last turn proved decisive.



Making a splash: Gillingham maintains his course towards a gold medal at Sheffield yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Palmer, 18, said he would not be taking up offers from American universities but would instead stay at home in Lincoln with Ian Turner, his coach. "Its worked, so why change things," he said. He believed the judgment of his coach to allow him to miss the European championsips of 1991, the year in which he had won the European junior title, was correct. "I get bored easily, so this way ... I'm still here."

Catherine Plewinski, of France, stopped Franziska van Almsick, the German teenager marked down for seven gold medals, from achieving that target. Like Gillingham in his event, the Frenchwoman won the 100 metres butterfly for a record third time, while Sylvia Gerasch recaptured the 100 metres breaststroke title that she had last won in 1985.

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England bank on all-round strength

By Peter Tatlow

ENGLAND'S realistic chance of a place in the final of the fourth women's lacrosse World Cup, which starts at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh today, is based on the strength of their highly experienced team.

Their hopes of winning the title are also fanned by the memory of losing by only one goal (6-5) in sudden death in the final against the United States at Perth, Australia, four years ago.

England have a world class goalkeeper in Jo Bushell (née Phelps). Her positioning and stickwork are invaluable assets for a team so strong in attack. With the experienced captain, Lois Richardson, at the helm and the wily tactician, Jan Guilbride, in the World Cup side for the fourth time, England are on sure ground as they tackle the powerful Australians in their first game today.

Wales collected the wooden spoon in Perth but, led by Phil Carter, they be better placed this time. They call on five 1989 players, including Vivien Jones for the fourth time, together with six reserves from that championship. Their opening match is against newcomers, the Czech Republic.

Scotland, who begin against Japan (also competing for the first time) caused surprises at Trent Bridge in 1982 when they beat England 8-5, and in Philadelphia in 1986 when they finished third. With a determined Val Houston as their captain, and eight experienced players from their 1989 squad, they should finish well.

The medallists are certain to be United States, England and Australia. Further down the line Japan, who beat England reserves 10-8 in awarm-up, could put the cat among the pigeons.

Turtle Island can take his revenge

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent in Dublin

RISKY has been declared for the group one Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes at Leopardstown tomorrow and, with rain forecast overnight, there is a good chance she will run.

However, six furlongs will provide a new test for Richard Hannon's talented filly, who has sustained one defeat only in six starts. She does like to get her toe in and her trainer is reluctant to run the risk of getting her jarred up.

If she does turn out, she is likely to shade Turtle Island for favouritism, although on form it will be a close-run thing between the pair. They have met already in the Weatherbys and Sales Super Sprint Trophy over five furlongs at Newbury. As Risky had cost only 12,000 guineas at public auction, she got into the race with 8st 10lb whereas the more highly-priced Turtle Island had to shoulder 9st 7lb.

Risky beat Pommes Frites by a comfortable length with Turtle Island a short head away third. Tomorrow, Turtle Island will only have to concede 3lb and the Norfolk Stakes winner was staying on so well at Newbury that he will certainly welcome the extra distance.

Subsequent to his Royal Ascot win, Turtle Island was a disappointing odds-on favourite in the July Stakes at Newmarket, being beaten three lengths into fourth place behind First Trump. Runner-up there was Fast Eddy, the mount of Frankie Dettori who won this event last year on another Hannon runner, Pips Pride. Fast Eddy is now 5lb worse off with Turtle Island and may not confirm the form. Another English challenger of note is Paul Cole's Gold Land who won the six-furlong Black Duck Conditions Stakes at York.

Dettori: repeat bid

With a question mark against Risky, both on distance and ground, the safer bet here is **Turtle Island**.

There is another strong English raid on the Ir£25,000 group three Phoenix Sprint Stakes at Leopardstown today, and **Marina Park** is preferred to Montendre and Midhish. She was a close fourth to Lochsong in the King George Stakes at Goodwood.

LEOPARDSTOWN TOMORROW

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

3.45 HEINZ 57 PHOENIX STAKES
(Group I: 2-Y-O: £85,500: 6f) (10 runners)

1 (2) 2312 FAST EDDY (Mrs A O'Reilly) D Loder (GB) 9-0 ... L Dettori –
2 (1) 1121 GOLD LAND (F Salman) P Cole (GB) 9-0 ... T Quinn –
3 (6) 122 KLY GREEN (Maktoum Al Maktoum) J Bolger 9-0 ... C Roche –
4 (9) 417 MONTE MARIO (B) (S Al-Homaizi) D Weld 9-0 ... M Kinane –
5 (7) 16 TAKADOU (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall (GB) 9-0 ... –
6 (5) 1143 TURTLE ISLAND (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam (GB) 9-0 ... J Reid –
7 (3) 1 KERAKA (H H Aga Khan) J Oxx 8-11 ... J Murtagh –
8 (8) 1 LAS MENINAS (R Sangster) T Stack 8-11 ... S Craine –
9 (10) 043335 LUDDEN LADY (B Caffrey) E Mitchell 8-11 ... J Behan –
10 (4) 112111 RISKY (Reldvale Ltd) R Hannon (GB) 8-11 ... Pat Eddery –

BETTING: 2-1 Risky, 9-4 Turtle Island, 7-2 Fast Eddy, 7-1 Gold Land, 14-1 Keraka, 16-1 others.

1992: PIPS PRIDE 9-0 L Dettori (10-1) R Hannon (GB) 9 ran

Cecil duo have workout

SABREHILL and Armiger, part of Henry Cecil's team for the York Ebor meeting, will work on the course after racing at Newmarket today.

The fast-improving Sabrehill, controversially disqualified at Newbury last time out when Michael Roberts was given a ten-day suspension, had been entered in the Rose Of Lancaster Stakes at Haydock today.

But, following a sparkling piece of work on Wednesday, Cecil decided Haydock and York were too close together and he could prepare Sabrehill for the Juddmonte Stakes at home.

One-time Derby favourite, Armiger, has not raced since losing his unbeaten record to Hernando in the Prix Lupin. He has the Great Voltigeur Stakes as his first objective before embarking on an autumn campaign.

THUNDERER
5.50 Rajmapata. 6.20 Early To Rise. 6.50 Jade Pet. 7.20 My Ruby Ring. 7.50 Serious Action. 8.20 Laurel Queen.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (TURF); STANDARD (AW)
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

5.50 PIER MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £2,700: 6f) (16 runners)

1 ALL THE JOYS K Cunningham-Brown 8-11 ... G Bardwell 1
2 A SUITABLE GIRL G Eden 8-11 ... S Dawson 7
3 5 BILLIE GREY 21 J Scargill 8-11 ... G Hind 9
4 20 BRIERLEY 11 B Smart 8-11 ... R Perham 4
5 803 BUNNY RUN 61 P Howling 8-11 ... L Carter (7) 3
6 DAVID'S DREAM J Scargill 8-11 ... K Rutter (5) 11
7 ESOTERIC P Mitchell 8-11 ... S O'Gorman 12
8 4 FROMAGE 7 D Laing 8-11 ... T Sprake 2
9 0 MASURI KABISA 32 H Collingridge 8-11 ... V Smith 16
10 MUSIC OF DANCE J Eustace 8-11 ... J Tate (5) 15
11 MY MOONA P Hobbs 8-11 ... A Tucker 10
12 0203 RAJMAPATA 10 (BF) R Hannon 8-11 ... L Piggott 13
13 58 RICH MISS 6 Miss B Sanders 8-11 ... B Rouse 14
14 SPORTING STORY M Usher 8-11 ... N Adams 8
15 42 YAWARA 29 (BF) C Brittain 8-11 ... B Doyle (3) 5
16 YO-CANDO D Cosgrove 8-11 ... L Newton (5) 6

7-4 Yawara, 5-1 Rajmapata, 6-1 Billie Grey, Brierley, 8-1 Rich Miss, 10-1 Bunny Run, Fromage, 14-1 Music Of Dance, 16-1 David's Dream, 20-1 others.

6.20 POLEGATE SELLING HANDICAP
(All-weather: 3-Y-O: £2,011: 1m 4f) (6)

1 3130 WESTRAY 18 (BF,F) J Scargill 9-7 ... K Rutter (5) 3
2 0085 CHILTERN HUNDREDS 11 W Musson 9-7 ... J Williams 5
3 4423 EARLY TO RISE 4 (BF) C Cyzer 9-6 ... J D Smith (7) 6
4 3000 ESERIE DE CORES 7 (B) C Weedon 9-0 ... N Adams 2
5 5400 BOXBOY 9 K Cunningham-Brown 8-11 ... S Whitworth 4
6 0084 BARSLEY 9 J Jenkins 9-10 ... J Tate (5) 1

11-10 Westray, 4-1 Early To Rise, 6-1 Boxboy, Barsley, 7-1 Chiltern Hundreds, 10-1 Eserie De Cores.

6.50 SOUTH COAST STAKES SKY
(2-Y-O: £3,201: 5f) (6)

1 1015 ROXANIAN 21 (D,F) M Heaton-Ellis 9-4 ... J Tate (5) 4
2 CHARLIE CHARLIE R Ingram 8-10 ... Candy Morris 1
3 00 NAME THE TUNE 12 P Howling 8-10 ... B Rouse 6
4 SWIFT NICK NEVISON K Ivory 8-10 ... R Perham 5
5 3010 JADE PET 11 (D,G) R Hannon 8-9 ... L Piggott 2
6 3654 KERRIE-JO 25 M Haynes 8-5 ... S Whitworth 3

4-5 Roxanian, 9-4 Jade Pet, 11-2 Kerrie-Jo, 12-1 Name The Tune, 16-1 Charlie Charlie, Swift Nick Nevison.

7.20 LAUREL RACING CLUB HANDICAP (£3,076: 6f) (16) SKY

1 1408 MISTER JOLSON 12 (C,D,F,G,S) R Hodges 4-10-0 ... S Drowne (7) 8
2 -0R0 ROYAL DEED 19 (G) P McEntee 3-9-9 ... R Perham 3
3 0132 MY RUBY RING 16 (CD,BF,F,G,S) D Laing 6-9-5 ... S Whitworth 15
4 0001 WESTERN VALLEY 9 (D,G) K Cunningham-Brown 3-9-3 ... B Doyle (3) 14
5 5003 CEE-EN-CEE 12 (V,CD,F,G,S) Mrs M McCourt 9-9-3 ... A Tucker 16
6 10-0 RAINBOW FLEET 19 (D,F) D Marks 5-9-3 ... T Rogers 1
7 0366 FAY'S SONG 12 (CD,F,G) R Akehurst 5-9-2 ... L Carter (7) 2
8 036 DOUBLE BOUNCE 9 K Ivory 3-9-2 ... K Rutter (5) 9
9 50-0 BALLYHAYS 12 R Akehurst 4-9-2 ... T Ashley (7) 5
10 1330 PALACEGATE GOLD 10 (CD,BF,F,G) R Hodges 4-9-1 ... A Munro 11
11 0360 LEIGH CROFTER 47 (G) P Cundell 4-9-1 ... J Williams 6
12 6-00 ABIGAILS BOY 8 (D,S) J Scargill 4-8-12 ... G Hind 12
13 600 FINDON ACADEMY 46 G L Moore 3-8-11 ... B Rouse 4
14 3601 SPECTACLE JIM 12 (B,D,G) J O'Donoghue 4-8-10 ... N Adams 7
15 0546 GALLOP TO GLORY 57 (BF) S Dow 3-8-9 ... A Martinez (7) 13
16 -500 LORINS GOLD 12 (B) A Turnell 3-8-8 ... S Dawson 10

9-2 My Ruby Ring, 11-2 Cee-En-Cee, 6-1 Fay's Song, Spectacle Jim, 7-1 Palacegate Gold, 8-1 Mister Jolson, Western Valley, 10-1 others.

7.50 GATWICK HANDICAP SKY
(All-weather: £2,259: 2m) (7)

1 3242 FLAMING MIRACLE 22 (B,BF) P Cole 3-9-10 ... NON-RUNNER 1
2 0313 SERIOUS ACTION 163 (CD,BF,G) R O'Sullivan 4-9-6 ... K Rutter (5) 5
3 6051 SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 12 (E,C,G) S Dow 3-9-5 ... A Martinez (7) 4
4 080- MISTER LAWSON 108J (C,F) B Forsey 7-8-12 ... J Williams 3
5 5044 RAGTIME SONG 6 (F) A Moore 4-8-6 ... N Adams 7
6 3400 ONE MORE POUND 14 (B) M Dixon 3-8-3 ... A Tucker 2
7 0-80 LAST APPEARANCE 12 R Phillips 4-8-3. ... Antoinette Armes (7) 6

5-4 Sir Thomas Beecham, 7-4 Serious Action, 7-1 Ragtime Song, 10-1 others.

8.20 METROPOLE LIMITED STAKES SKY
(£3,611: 7f) (6)

1 4441 CHARMED KNAVE 10 (CD,F,G) D Laing 8-9-4 ... T Williams 5
2 1525 GREAT HALL 4 (C,G) P Cundell 4-9-4 ... J Williams 4
3 0040 JOLTO 19 (D,G) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-4 ... S Whitworth 2
4 3120 SURE LORD 37 (F) W Muir 4-9-4 ... A Munro 3
5 6050 SURREY RACING 33 (D,F,G) G L Moore 5-9-4 ... B Rouse 6
6 1211 LAUREL QUEEN 14 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 5-8-13 ... J Carroll 1

4-6 Laurel Queen, 4-1 Sure Lord, 5-1 Charmed Knave, 8-1 Great Hall, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Berry, 21 winners from 94 runners, 22.3%; P Cole, 38 from 189, 20.1%; R O'Sullivan, 31 from 172, 18.0%; W Muir, 8 from 51, 15.7%; G L Moore, 3 from 20, 15.0%; P Mitchell, 28 from 197, 14.2%.
JOCKEYS: K Rutter, 10 winners from 51 rides, 19.6%; G Hind, 6 from 38, 15.8%; L Piggott, 4 from 26, 15.4%; S O'Gorman, 26 from 177, 14.7%; A Munro, 24 from 182, 13.2%; L Carter, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

Redcar
Going: good to soft

2.30 (6f) 1, BENEFICIARY (M Birch, Evens fav); 2, Marble (Darren Moffatt, 20-1); 3, Walworth Lady (S Webster, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 Floating Trial (4th), 12 Arkindale Spirit (6th), 14 Superhoo (5th), 20 Risky Gilt, 25 Westcoast, 33 Tee Jay Baby. 9 ran. NR: Nowt Spoiling. 3½l, 2½l, sh hd, 2½l, 3½l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £5.20, £2.40. DF: £86.80. CSF: £21.47 No bid.

3.00 (7f) 1, AWESOME VENTURE (J Weaver, 9-1); 2, Autumnis (Pat Eddery, 4-6 fav); 3, Desert Champ (B Raymond, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 6 Darajah, 11 Willow River (6th), 20 Ouelette, Miss Fitz, 33 Calamanco (4th), 50 Rydal Water, Soba Up (5th). 10 ran. NR: Desert Green. Sh hd, 5l, 1¼l, 2½l, 1l. J Toller at Newmarket. Tote: £18.10; £2.70, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £16.80. CSF: £17.87.

3.30 (5f) 1, LEFT STRANDED (K Darley, 9-2); 2, Chilliola (Pat Eddery, 6-1); 3, Monkey Music (J Carroll, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Claret Bumble (6th), 11-2 Lady Sheriff (4th), 10 Rich Harmony, Certificate-X (5th), 11 Cheeky Chappy, 14 Nordico Princess, 16 Merissa, 20 Grey Toppa. 11 ran. Sh hd, ½l, ¾l, hd, 2½l. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £5.50; £2.10, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £20.50. CSF: £34.38. Tricast: £103.79.

4.00 (1m 3f) 1, ROUSITTO (W R Swinburn, 3-1 fav); 2, Jubran (J Carroll, 5-1); 3, Master Ofthe House (G Duffield, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Sir Edward Henry, I'm A Dreamer (4th), 8 Roar On Tour, 12 Kiss In The Dark, 16 Young George (6th), 100 Statia (5th). 9 ran. NR: Not Yet. ½l, 1l, ½l, 6l, 2l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote, £3.80; £1.10, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £16.00. Trio: £22.70. CSF: £17.57. Tricast: £77.06. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.30 (1m 2f) 1, KAGRAM QUEEN (K Darley, 6-4 jt-fav); 2, Red Indian (Dale Gibson, 7-1); 3, No Submission (S Wood, 6-4 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Till Fnday (5th), 12 Slumber Thyme (4th), 50 Waweewawoo (6th). 6 ran. 2½l, sh hd, 1l, 12l, 10l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £3.40. DF: £8.40. CSF: £10.99.

5.00 (5f) 1, LOVE RETURNED (M Tebbutt, 7-2); 2, Penny Hasset (T Lucas, 11-4 fav); 3, She's Smart (M Birch, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Meeson Times (4th), Simmie's Special (6th), 10 Nifty Fifty, 12 Local Heroine (5th). 7 ran. NR: Maid Welcome. 3l, 1½l, sh hd, 1l, 1½l. W Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £4.30; £2.50, £2.00. DF: £11.40. CSF: £13.31. Tricast: £51.08.

Placepot: £25.30.

Southwell
Going: good

2.20 (7f) 1, Blaze Away (L Dettori, 4-6 fav); 2, Ruby Estate (7-1); 3, Amidst (7-1). 8 ran. 4l, 1½l. I Balding. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.00, £1.60. DF: £4.60. CSF: £6.92.

2.50 (1m 2f) 1, Wonderful Years (K Fallon, 13-8 fav); 2, Share A Moment (9-4); 3, Stapleford Lass (7-4). 5 ran. Hd, 10l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £2.40; £1.70, £1.40. DF: £2.40. CSF: £5.46.

3.20 (1m 2f) 1, Rival Bid (N Day, 9-2); 2, Touch Above (7-1); 3, Safir (5-1). Rahil 4-1 fav. 9 ran. 3½l, 1l. M Jarvis. Tote: £5.50; £1.10, £3.70, £1.30. DF: £14.60. CSF: £33.92. Tricast: £150.18.

3.50 (7f) 1, Corona Gold (K Fallon, 9-2); 2, Waterlord (5-1); 3, Young Valentine (5-1). Northern Trial 4-1 fav. 9 ran. 5l, 1½l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £5.10; £1.80, £2.30, £1.10. DF: £8.10. CSF: £23.88. Tricast: £96.40.

4.20 (6f) 1, Little Hooligan (C Rutter, 7-1); 2, Up The Mariners (5-2); 3, Sporting Heir (15-8 fav). 6 ran. 1l, 5l. M Channon. Tote: £4.50; £3.00, £1.50. DF: £7.00. CSF: £23.92.

4.50 (1m 4f) 1, Fairy Wisher (N Varley, 12-1); 2, Annabel's Baby (11-2); 3, Pinkerton's Silver (9-1). Donia 13-8 fav. 9 ran. NR: Roscommon Joe. 2l, 8l. M Barraclough. Tote: £16.60; £3.40, £1.10, £4.80. DF: £32.20. CSF: £73.98. Tricast: £578.56.

Placepot: £58.20.

Plumpton
Going: firm

2.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Mr Geneaology (A Maguire, 8-13 fav); 2, Lady Of Shadows (16-1); 3, Will Hyde (50-1). 10 ran. 8l, 10l. J White. Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £1.70, £4.70. DF: £7.50. CSF: £12.05.

2.40 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Manhattan Boy (A Maguire, 7-2); 2, Salar's Spirit (7-1); 3, Key Dear (6-1). Northern Conqueror 7-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Loch Duich. 1½l, 2l. J Ffitch-Heyes. Tote: £4.30; £2.90, £3.30. DF: £15.10. CSF: £25.48. Tricast: £129.02.

3.10 (2m ch) 1, Court Rapier (A Maguire, 3-1); 2, Gabish (7-1); 3, Cotapaxi (6-1). Safety 5-4 fav. 7 ran. 1½l, 10l. R Alner. Tote: £4.70; £2.80, £2.60. DF: £12.10. CSF: £23.58.

3.40 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Nordic Flash (A Maguire, 10-11 fav); 2, Striding Edge (7-4); 3, Mabthul (4-1). 3 ran. 2½l, dist. T Naughton. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.64.

4.10 (2m ch) 1, Pearls Beau (S Smith Eccles, 9-2); 2, Ilewin (Evens fav); 3, Jessop (11-1). 7 ran. 6l, 30l. J Jenkins. Tote: £5.70; £2.50, £1.40. DF: £6.30. CSF: £9.12.

4.40 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Debacle (D Murphy, 6-4 fav); 2, Saldi (15-8); 3, Nidomi (5-1). 8 ran. 6l, ¾l. B McMath. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £1.30, £1.60. DF: £3.60. CSF: £4.62.

Placepot: £106.30.

Maguire lands four-timer

ADRIAN Maguire landed a fabulous 54-1 four-timer at Plumpton yesterday with course specialist Manhattan Boy proving the star turn.

His victories on Manhattan Boy, Mr Geneaology, Court Rapier and Nordic Flash came for four different trainers.

Cheers echoed across the South Downs as Maguire came from an apparently impossible position to collect Manhattan Boy's thirteenth course win with a storming late dash in the Streat Selling Handicap Hurdle.

The local star's fan club erupted as he cut down Salar's Spirit after the final flight, and now his followers face an an excursion to Belgium. He has only won at Plumpton, but trainer John Ffitch-Heyes is anxious to run him in a £6,000 event at Wargen.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
6.00 Sakharov. 6.30 Super Symphonic. 7.00 Music Dancer. 7.30 Island Knight. 8.00 Mohican Brave. 8.30 Abalene.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.00 PICASSO HANDICAP (£2,385: 6f) (7 runners)

1 2252 COVENT GARDEN GIRL 14 (G,S) M W Easterby 3-10-0 ... T Lucas 4
2 0351 STRIP CARTOON 14 (CD,G,S) S Bowring 5-9-13 ... G Strange (7) 1
3 0050 NO QUARTER GIVEN 22 (D,F,G,S) P Felgate 8-9-10 ... J Lowe 7
4 2-00 LAURA 107 H Thomson Jones 4-9-5 ... B Crossley 2
5 1121 SAKHAROV 28 (CD,F,G) M Janvis 4-9-4 ... P Robinson 6
6 0015 STORMY HEIGHTS 23 (B,F) J Jenkins 3-9-3 ... S Parks 5
7 3008 LAID BACK BEN 28 B Palling 3-8-9 ... Stephen Davies (5) 3

7-4 Sakharov, 3-1 Strip Cartoon, 4-1 Covent Garden Girl, 11-2 Laura, 10-1 No Quarter Given, 14-1 Stormy Heights, 20-1 Laid Back Ben.

6.30 KEEBLE HAWSON SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £1,725: 7f) (12)

1 5061 SUPER SYMPHONIC 10 (CD,G) M Tompkins 9-2 ... P Robinson 12
2 50 BANG IN TROUBLE 12 J O'Neill 8-11 ... S Perks 3
3 0250 BENFLEET 15 R Armstrong 8-11 ... R Price 2
4 00 GOODWINCOPLEY 24 M W Easterby 8-11 ... P Johnson (7) 4
5 MAKROY R Spicer 8-11 ... D Wright (5) 5
6 2542 NORTHERN BAILIWICK 10 (B) M Usher 8-11 ... M Wigham 10
7 5202 SHUTTLECOCK 8 P Haslam 8-11 ... Stephen Davies (5) 1
8 0434 BESSIE'S WILL 8 D Haydn Jones 8-6 ... A Mackay 8
9 00 FAST BEAT 19 M Usher 8-6 ... R Price 11
10 0030 SNUGFIT ANNIE 11 M W Easterby 8-6 ... T Lucas 7
11 0 THATCHED ROOF 10 M W Easterby 8-6 ... C Munday (7) 9
12 5406 TILOUHILLIE ROSE 14 M W Easterby 8-6 ... C Dwyer 6

Evens Super Symphonic, 7-2 Northern Bailiwick, 9-2 Shuttlecock, 10-1 Benfleet, 14-1 Bessie's Will, 20-1 others.

7.00 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY PLC HANDICAP (£2,406: 7f) (10) SKY

1 3650 DREAM CARRIER 7 (CD,F,G) T Barron 5-10-0 ... V Halliday (7) 5
2 0455 TYRIAN PURPLE 6 (B,CD,F,G,S) T Naughton 5-9-5 ... D Harrison (3) 8
3 4313 GLENFIELD GRETA 10 (B,CD,BF,F,G) P Felgate 5-9-3 ... D Wright (5) 6
4 2150 PENNY BANGER 10 (CD,G) M Johnston 3-8-13 ... L Dettori 9
5 0010 MUSIC DANCER 24 (CD,G) R Spicer 4-8-12 ... G Duffield 1
6 0541 HEATHYARDS GEM 10 (C,G) R Hollinshead 3-8-9 ... S Perks 2
7 3200 BASSIO 10 (H,C,D,F,G) C Allen 4-8-3 ... W Hood 4
8 1433 AQUADO 12 (F) N Callaghan 4-8-0 ... A Mackay 7
9 0003 SIMPLY SUPERB 8 (B) M W Easterby 3-7-8 ... L Charnock 3
10 00-0 MANADEL 64 (B) S Bowring 3-7-7 ... J Lowe 10

3-1 Glenfield Greta, 4-1 Dream Carrier, 5-1 Tyrian Purple, Heathyards Gem, 13-2 Penny Banger, 8-1 Aquado, 10-1 others.

7.30 VAN GOGH STAKES SKY
(£2,794: 1m) (6)

1 2201 ISLAND KNIGHT 10 (C,G) M Ryan 4-9-7 ... P Robinson 1
2 450/ LEDIA 1752 (S) D Murray Smith 8-9-2 ... W Newnes 5
3 0506 MISTER BLAKE 12 (C,D,G) W O'Gorman 3-9-0 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 2
4 3442 PHILMIC 10 M Hammond 3-9-0 ... G Duffield 6
5 -429 OCARA 7 D Loder 3-8-9 ... L Dettori 3
6 6340 SAKURA QUEEN 17 S Woods 3-8-9 ... W Woods 4

4-6 Island Knight, 3-1 Mister Blake, 9-2 Philmic, 7-1 Ocara, 12-1 Ledia, Sakura Queen.

8.00 GAINSBOROUGH CLAIMING STAKES (£1,952: 1m) (10) SKY

1 1236 AWESTRUCK 23 (CD,F,G,S) W Haggas 3-8-13 ... G Duffield 7
2 0462 WRETS 7J (B,F) K Bridgwater 4-8-12 ... L Dettori 6
3 06 PACIFIC POWER 7 W O'Gorman 3-8-11 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 4
4 0 BY QUEEN 102 R Weaver 3-8-10 ... M Wigham 2
5 1040 MOHICAN BRAVE 14 (CD,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-9 ... K Fallon 9
6 2116 GUV'NORS GIFT 67 (F,G,S) M Tompkins 3-8-8 ... S Mulvey (7) 10
7 0160 ROCKY BAY 19 (CD,B,S) D Haydn Jones 4-8-7 ... A Mackay 8
8 0530 COSMIC STAR 16 (B,F) S Woods 3-8-2 ... W Woods 5
9 0060 EVAHART 11 M Hammond 3-7-10 ... J Quinn 3
10 6006 SUMMER FLOWER 14 A Forbes 3-7-10 ... D Wright (5) 1

5-2 Mohican Brave, 3-1 Awestruck, 7-2 Wrets, 7-1 Guv'nors Gift, 12-1 Rocky Bay, 16-1 Pacific Power, 33-1 others.

8.30 TURNER HANDICAP (£2,574: 1m 4f) (14)

1 0314 MODEST HOPE 9 (CD,F,G) B Richmond 6-10-0 ... Alex Greaves 14
2 440/ SAYMORE 64J (F,S) R Hollinshead 7-9-5 ... S Wynne (5) 9
3 0061 ABALENE 14 (CD,G) J Mackie 4-8-2 ... W Newnes 13
4 4410 SCOTTISH WEDDING 16 (C,G) S Norton 3-9-0 ... O Pears (5) 3
5 2343 POINT THE WAY 21 (V) M Stoute 3-9-0 ... Paul Eddery 2
6 -016 CARROLLS MARC 7 (C,D,G) P Haslam 6-8-13 ... C Hodgson (5) 6
7 3420 CHARLIE BIGTIME 8 (C,G) Miss Gay Kelleway 3-8-12 ... D Holland 7
8 0031 CRIMINAL RECORD 14 (V,CD,G) Lord Huntingdon 3-6-9 ... L Dettori 5
9 0121 HASTA LA VISTA 10 (B,CD,F,G) M W Easterby 3-8-3 ... L Charnock 8
10 0532 GWEEK 24 M Tompkins 3-8-2 ... P Robinson 4
11 /003 DASHING FELLOW 14 (D,F) Mrs L Piggott 5-8-0 ... J Quinn 10
12 5022 PREMIER DANCE 12 (G) D Haydn Jones 6-8-0 ... A Mackay 12
13 3230 BARCHAM 7 (BF,F) D Wilson 6-7-8 ... J Lowe 11
14 0450 SEA PRODIGY 14 M Blanshard 4-7-7 ... D Wright (5) 1

11-4 Hasta La Vista, 9-2 Scottish Wedding, 5-1 Modest Hope, Abalene, 8-1 Premier Dance, Criminal Record, 12-1 Point The Way, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 7 winners from 17 runners, 41.2%; D Wilson, 6 from 24, 25%; Lord Huntingdon, 17 from 72, 23.6%; R Spicer, 10 from 43, 23.3%; T Barron, 62 from 274, 22.6%; M Jarvis, 7 from 33, 21.2%.
JOCKEYS: D Holland, 18 winners from 59 rides, 30.5%; L Dettori, 11 from 44, 25%; P Robinson, 4 from 16, 25%; Alex Greaves, 59 from 255, 23.1%; V Halliday, 4 from 20, 20%; O Pears, 14 from 76, 18.4%.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER
5.40 Everso Irish. 6.10 Drumstick. 6.40 Buglet. 7.10 Strong Medicine. 7.40 Corinthian God. 8.10 Well Shod.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

5.40 POLLY GARTER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,557: 2m) (10 runners)

1 02-1 MOYMET 8 (F) K Burke 7-11-10 ... G McCourt
2 004- EVERSO IRISH 7F P Evans 4-11-9 ... A Maguire
3 105/ CONE LANE 6F (CD,F,G) B Gubby 7-11-9 ... P McLoughlin (7)
4 F4F- PERSIAN VALLEY 72 (D,F) F Jordan 8-11-8 ... M Doyle (7)
5 06-0 ZAMANAYN 7 J Upson 5-11-5 ... R Supple
6 U40- COLWAY PRINCE 68 (CD,G,S) A Jones 5-11-5 ... G Upton
7 460- SHREWD JOHN 196 (D,G) R Woodhouse 7-10-13 ... R Garritty
8 44-3 SUNTAN 7 (B,BF) R O'Leary 4-10-9 ... M Dwyer
9 005- STYLISH GENT 68 (D,F,G) J Birkett 6-10-7 ... A Jones
10 50-2 DISTANT MEMORY 7 P Hobbs 4-10-3 ... N Parker (7)

5-2 Moymet, 3-1 Everso Irish, 11-2 Distant Memory, 7-1 Suntan, 8-1 Cone Lane, Zamanyn, 14-1 Colway Prince, Persian Valley, 20-1 Shrewd John, Stylish Gent.

6.10 DYLAN THOMAS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,409: 2m) (5)

1 11-3 DRUMSTICK 7 (D,BF,F,S) K Bailey 7-12-0 ... N Williamson
2 154- TIMAS LAD 87 (D,F,G,S) J Edwards 10-11-4 ... J Osborne
3 11P/ SHARP ORDER 589 (D,F,S) T Caldwell 8-10-8 ... Pat Caldwell
4 33F- SLIPPERY MAX 66 (D,F,G) R Juckes 9-10-3 ... R Dunwoody
5 3F0- WILL'S BOUNTY 136 (D,F) J Colston 10-10-0 ... V Slattery (3)

11-10 Drumstick, 11-4 Timas Lad, 9-2 Slippery Max, 8-1 Will's Bounty, 16-1 Sharp Order.

6.40 NOGOOD BOYO JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,480: 2m) (10)

1 BEAT THE BAGMAN 26F J Akehurst 10-12 ... L Harvey
2 MAD MYTTON 86F A Bailey 10-12 ... S Smith Eccles
3 MY BALLYBOY 15F A Bailey 10-12 ... N Mann
4 NO SHOW R Juckes 10-12 ... W Humphreys
5 QUEENS CONTRACTOR 14F M Heaton-Ellis 10-12 ... S Keightley
6 RUSHALONG 21F R Woodhouse 10-12 ... R Garritty
7 BUGLET 43F M Pipe 10-7 ... R Dunwoody
8 FREE DANCER 89F R Brotherton 10-7 ... D Bridgwater
9 LADY GAIL 103F J Spearing 10-7 ... A Webb
10 MRS DAWSON 4F A Hambly 10-7 ... A S Smith

11-8 Buglet, 5-1 Mrs Dawson, 6-1 My Ballyboy, 8-1 Queens Contractor, 12-1 My Mytton, 16-1 Beat The Bagman, Lady Gail, 20-1 others.

7.10 CAPTAIN CAT NOVICES CHASE
(£1,811: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 042- HELMAR 83 (S) F Jordan 7-11-2 ... R Supple
2 P3-2 SOLICITOR'S CHOICE 7 (F,S) T Bill 10-11-2 ... J Railton
3 5P-4 STORM WARRIOR 8 (B,G) B Preece 8-11-2 ... T Wall
4 211- STRONG MEDICINE 63 (F) K Bailey 6-11-2 ... N Williamson
5 600- TEKLA 170 (S) A Chamberlain 8-11-2 ... B Powell
6 050- WAR BEAT 91 (F) B Baugh 5-10-12 ... M A Fitzgerald
7 32-3 GILSTON LASS 7 (B) J King 6-10-11 ... A Maguire

6-4 Strong Medicine, 3-1 Gilston Lass, 5-1 Solicitor's Choice, 13-2 Helmar, 8-1 Storm Warrior, 16-1 War Beat, 20-1 Tekla.

7.40 LLAREGGYB HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,841: 2m 2f) (10)

1 821- COURT CIRCULAR 84 (B,F,G) W Clay 4-11-10 ... Diane Clay
2 22-1 CASTLE DIAMOND 8 (F) H Kavanagh 6-11-7 ... J A Harris
3 10P- VIAGGIO 26F (S) J Akehurst 5-11-5 ... J Osborne
4 353- SECRET LIASON 63 (B) K Bridgwater 7-11-3 ... D Bridgwater
5 62F- AEDEAN 24F (S) C Horgan 4-11-1 ... D Murphy
6 050- KASHAN 9F (S) J Bradley 5-10-11 ... L Harvey
7 /53- MAN FROM MARS 138 (F,G) P Hobbs 7-10-11 ... B Clifford
8 P41- CORINTHIAN GOD 6F (D,F) D Wilson 4-10-4 ... A Maguire
9 802- MASTER BOSTON 70 R Woodhouse 5-10-4 ... J Driscoll (7)
10 P43- THUNDER BUG 43F (F) A James 5-10-4 ... R Bellamy

3-1 Corinthian God, 9-2 Aedean, 6-1 Court Circular, 13-2 Castle Diamond, 7-1 Secret Liason, 10-1 Viaggio, Man From Mars, Thunder Bug, 14-1 Kashan, 20-1 Master Boston.

8.10 MILK WOOD NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,480: 2m) (17)

1 232- BILLY BORU 211 (S) R Simpson 5-11-0 ... D Gallagher
2 3/ FAIR BABE 716 J O'Shea 7-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 MALINDI BAY 12F B McMath 5-11-0 ... D Murphy
4 00/ MY HARRY BOY 549 W G M Turner 6-11-0 ... G Upton
5 /0P- PADDY'S GOLD 254 B Smart 5-11-0 ... G Rowe
6 U00- STERLING BUCK 106 G Yardley 6-11-0 ... D Leahy (5)
7 06- CHRIS'S GLEN 12F J Bradley 4-10-11 ... R Farrant (5)
8 CLASSICAL STAR K Bailey 4-10-11 ... N Williamson
9 FAMILY ROSE 6F Miss Gay Kelleway 4-10-11 ... G McCourt
10 KIMS SELECTION 333F R Woodhouse 4-10-11 ... R Garritty
11 P43- WAAZA 7F H Manners 4-10-11 ... M Bosley
12 2 WELL APPOINTED 7 A Hambly 4-10-11 ... A S Smith
13 WELL SHOD D Nicholson 5-10-9 ... W Marston (3)
14 460- ALTO PRINCESS 277 A Jones 4-10-6 ... H Davies
15 40- CLASS ATTRACTION 19F M Pipe 4-10-6 ... R Dunwoody
16 HATAAL 14F R Juckes 4-10-6 ... T Wall
17 453- SHAYNA MAIDEL 68 J Birkett 4-10-6 ... A Jones

3-1 Class Attraction, 4-1 Classical Star, 9-2 Well Shod, 7-1 Well Appointed, 10-1 Billy Boru, Alto Princess, 14-1 Family Rose, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 40 winners from 113 runners, 35.4%; P Hobbs, 16 from 86, 18.6%; P Evans, 3 from 18, 16.7%; D Nicholson, 14 from 92, 15.2%; J Upson, 5 from 38, 13.2%; K Bailey, 6 from 47, 12.8%.
JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 20 wins from 79 rides, 25.3%; A Maguire, 15 from 65, 23.1%; N Mann, 9 from 44, 20.5%; H Davies, 18 from 115, 15.7%; R Dunwoody, 28 from 185, 15.1%; S Smith Eccles, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

Poor turnout affects Haydock's televised card

Queen's Tissisat to top bill

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

RACING shot itself in the foot again yesterday when only three runners were declared for today's feature race, the £30,000-added Burtonwood Brewery Rose of Lancaster Stakes at Haydock.

Despite 19 entries, eight of which had jockeys booked in the morning papers, only Half A Tick, Knifebox and Colway Rock stood their ground for the valuable group three race.

Philip Arkwright, clerk of the course, said: "It is very disappointing and bad for the game. It doesn't help sponsors. It is silly. I don't know the reason for the small field. I can only assume it is the ground, but there is not a lot wrong with it."

Races are re-opened if there are only two horses declared to run and Arkwright intends to write to the British Horseracing Board's race-planning department advocating a change in the rules suggested by John Gosden, trainer of Knifebox.

"John proposed that this type of race should be re-opened if there are not enough runners to fill the places which have prize-money. Today's race has prize-money to fourth place," Arkwright said.

The small field for a televised race will affect betting turnover, but the Merseyside course offers other tempting opportunities.

Just about any horse entered by Ian Balding this week has been winning and Tissisat, the trainer's only runner of the day, is taken to continue the trend in the Harvey Jones Rated Handicap.

Owned by the Queen, Tissisat is only 3lb higher than when winning the Spring Handicap at Newbury in impressive style on soft ground in April. The Green Forest gelding has faced stiff tasks since then and almost certainly needed his recent run at Ascot following a month off. Sparking work on the Kingsclere gallops suggests Tissisat is a value selection to beat Teshami.

A high draw in the Coral Handicap looks essential and with the soft-ground loving **Macfarlane** having the favoured berth by the stands rail, Martin Fetherston-Godley's sprinter can oblige.

Lynda Ramsden is another trainer whose horses are at the top of their form and it will be no surprise if **Hob Green** is heavily backed to win the Brierley Investments Handicap at Newmarket.

Twice a winner at Headquarters last season, Hob Green scored in a good time at Ayr three weeks ago and, despite a 9lb rise in the handicap, he can follow up.

Roger Charlton has the best strike-rate of any trainer this season and **Ballet Shoes** could be a value bet in the Fay Richwhite Maiden as it is far from certain that the classy Storm Canyon will appreciate the step back to six furlongs.

The Columbus Sweet Solera Stakes would appear to be at the mercy of Newmarket trainers. Henry Cecil's Queenbird and Overact, from the in-form David Loder yard, will have their supporters, but I just prefer **Taghareed** who enjoyed a facile success at Redcar recently following a promising Ascot debut.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TISSISAT
(5.00 Haydock Park)
Next best: Hob Green
(4.20 Newmarket)

Top form: Ramsden runs fancied Hob Green at Newmarket

Oakmead leads Deauville raiding party

BRITISH fillies provide three of the seven-strong field for the group two £35,842 Prix de Pomone (1m 5½f) at Deauville tomorrow.

Peter Chapple-Hyam's Oakmead (Darryll Holland), third in the English and Irish Oaks, heads the raiding party, which also includes Henry Candy's recent Newmarket winner Always Friendly (Walter Swinburn) and John Dunlop's Spring (Willie Carson).

Bright Moon, winner of last month's group three Prix Minerve, and John Hammond's useful stayer Sought Out will provide stern opposition.

Pat Eddery and Lester Piggott are both in action at Deauville today. In the feature race, the group three £23,895 Prix de Psyche (1m 2f), Eddery rides Souplesse for Khaled Abdulla, and Piggott has been booked for the Irish raider Danse Royale, trained by Michael Grassick.

The only British challenger is the Roger Charlton-trained Athens Belle (Dominique Boeuf), sixth behind Rainbow Lake in the Lancashire Oaks last time out.

Lester Piggott teams up with the Queen's Sharp Prod, third at Baden-Baden in May, as part of a three-strong British challenge for the group three £81,633L Grosser Preis Von Berlin (6½f) at Hoppegarten, Berlin tomorrow. The other British challengers in the ten-runner line-up are the Richard Hannon-trained Pip's Pride (Steve Raymont) and Ian Balding's Poker Chip (Ray Cochrane). John Hammond's Dolphin Street also has strong credentials.

The Queen has her first runner in Spain tomorrow evening, when Enharmonic (Michael Hills) takes on 13 rivals in the £57,554 Premio Gobierno Vasco (1m). The six-year-old, trained by Lord Huntingdon, has been in cracking form this year, most notably when landing the Diomed Stakes at Epsom on Derby day.

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THUNDERER
2.30 Hobart. 3.05 Admission. 3.35 Nijo. 4.05 Straw Thatch. 4.35 Bay Tern. 5.05 Best Effort.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.35 BARASSIE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,011: 7f) (10 runners)

1 60 ALL IN THE MIND 21 C Thornton 9-0 ... K Sked (7) 8
2 06 CURIE CRUSADER 17 J Berry 9-0 ... T Quinn 7
3 4 HOBART 15 G Bravery 9-0 ... N Day 6
4 30 JOE JAGGER 47 M Hammond 9-0 ... J Marshall (5) 3
5 000 MOLLINSBURN 14 T Craig 9-0 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 5
6 05 SEMINOLE WIND 12 C Thornton 9-0 ... T Williams 1
7 0 SINBAD 17 J Watts 9-0 ... N Kennedy (3) 2
8 3 TOM MORGAN 14 P Walwyn 9-0 ... J Quinn 4
9 BRAID HILLS Miss L Perratt 8-9 ... J Weaver 9
10 50 GOOD SPIRITS 23 L Lungo 8-9 ... S D Williams (5) 10

4-5 Tom Morgan, 9-2 Hobart, 6-1 Seminole Wind, 10-1 Curie Crusader, 14-1 Joe Jagger, 20-1 others.

3.05 OLD PRESTWICK SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,379: 7f) (9)

1 2320 ALTA VICTORIA 4 Mrs A Swinbank 9-7 ... T Williams 9
2 5400 GLINT OF AYR 29 (B) W Muir 9-13 ... T Quinn 8
3 3400 IRISH ROOTS 15 (B,D,G) J Berry 8-10 ... Ruth Coulter (7) 2
4 -400 HOD-MOD 4 A Bailey 8-9 ... N Day 5
5 2050 ADMISSION 21 N Chamberlain 8-3 ... J Marshall (5) 7
6 -5U6 DUSKY DUCHESS 40 (V) Miss L Perratt 8-2 ... J Weaver 4
7 6000 VIKING WATERS 7 B Beasley 8-2 ... N Kennedy (3) 6
8 0633 SHOTLEY AGAIN 7 N Bycroft 7-9 ... J Quinn 1
9 -600 CANAZEI 44 (V) E Incisa 7-7 ... Kim Tinkler 3

7-2 Glint Of Ayr, 4-1 Irish Roots, 9-2 Alta Victoria, 5-1 Hod-Mod, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Cole, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; T Barron, 8 from 48, 16.7%; P Walwyn, 4 from 25, 16%; G Pritchard-Gordon, 4 from 26, 15.4%; J Berry, 30 from 206, 14.6%; M Johnston, 7 from 53, 13.2%.
JOCKEYS: J Marshall, 3 winners from 17 rides, 17.6%; T Williams 3 from 22, 13.6%. Only qualifiers.

3.35 FULLERTON CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,111: 7f) (4)

1 1 NIJO 17 (D,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 ... N Day 1
2 1 PERSIAN ELITE 15 (D,F) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 2
3 6223 LAMBENT 22 (S) E Weymes 8-9 ... J Quinn 3
4 6055 STARICA 18 (B) W Elsey 8-5 ... J Weaver 4

4-5 Nijo, 9-4 Persian Elite, 4-1 Lambent, 14-1 Starica.

4.05 GAETAN BILLARD CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP (£3,225: 1m 2f) (8)

1 2103 SHARAAR 39 (D,G) W Haggas 3-9-10 ... N Day 2
2 0234 STRAW THATCH 22 (S) R Allan 4-8-8 ... J Weaver 8
3 0603 MIDDLEHAM CASTLE 14 M Johnston 4-8-6 ... T Williams 3
4 6465 PRINCIPAL PLAYER 14 (C,S) P Monteith 3-8-3 ... S D Williams (5) 7
5 5425 PUBLIC WAY 23 (B) N Chamberlain 3-8-1 ... T Quinn 6
6 5060 DOCTOR ROY 14 (F) N Bycroft 5-7-12 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 4
7 5844 SUSPECT 26 Mrs S Bradburne 3-7-9 ... N Kennedy (3) 1
8 0532 CORNFLAKE 15 Denys Smith 3-7-7 ... J Quinn 5

3-1 Cornflake, 9-2 Straw Thatch, 5-1 Sharaar, 6-1 Middleham Castle, 8-1 Principal Player, Doctor Roy, 12-1 Public Way, Suspect.

4.35 ROYAL TROON HANDICAP (£2,913: 1m 7f) (7)

1 114- GROUSE-N-HEATHER 346 (F,G) P Monteith 4-9-11 ... S D Williams (5) 1
2 1054 JAMES IS SPECIAL 16 (G) H Collingridge 5-8-12 ... J Quinn 2
3 -020 BAY TERN 18 (BF) T Dyer 7-8-3 ... J Weaver 3
4 2316 MILNGAVIE 8 (F,S) M Johnston 3-7-13 ... T Williams 4
5 0445 BRIDGE PLAYER 18 (G) D Moffatt 6-7-8 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 5
6 0000 FATAL SHOCK 18 J Wade 3-7-8 ... N Kennedy (3) 6
7 0066 DON'T CRY 16 E Incisa 5-7-7 ... Kim Tinkler 7

2-1 James Is Special, 7-2 Bridge Player, 4-1 Bay Tern, 5-1 Milngavie, 6-1 Grouse-N-Heather, 16-1 others.

5.05 BELLEISLE HANDICAP (£3,176: 6f) (5)

1 4114 DOKKHA OYSTON 21 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 5-9-12 P Roberts (7) 2
2 1660 ARABAT 4 (V,D,F,G,S) Martyn Wane 6-8-12 ... T Quinn 1
3 0546 DIET 9 (V,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 7-8-11 ... J Marshall (5) 3
4 -600 EGG 22 (D,S) T Barron 3-8-1 ... T Williams 4
5 4026 BEST EFFORT 14 (D,F,S) M Naughton 7-7-12 ... J Quinn 5

9-4 Dokkha Oyston, 3-1 Diet, 7-2 Arabat, 9-2 Egg, 5-1 Best Effort.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

HAYDOCK PARK
BBC1

2.00: **Viardot** runs beyond 12 furlongs for the first time here but, with plenty of stamina on his dam's side, there is a good chance that he will improve for the trip. Haddaaj and Shujan come here in good form, but the handicapper may have taken their measure.

2.30: In three runs over course and distance, **Cantoris** has only been beaten once, when finishing a neck second in this race last year. She was subsequently disqualified for barging her way through, but is now 6lb lower in the handicap and looks sure to run well from her high draw. Macfarlane can chase the selection home.

3.00: Last year's winner, Half A Tick, faces a stiffer task now, and may struggle to cope with **Knifebox** if John Gosden's five-year-old is fully wound up for his reappearance. Colway Rockmay improve for today's longer distance.

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3.15: **Dodgy** has slipped down the handicap after some below-par efforts, but reserves his best for this course. Daring Past has claims, but may be best in blinkers.

3.45: Queenbird finished a head behind NSX when the pair filled the places behind Star Speeder at Newcastle recently, and should reverse the form on 3lb better terms. However, both look vulnerable and **Taghareed**, an impressive winner at Redcar last month, has most scope.

4.20: En Attendant received a vintage Piggott ride when winning the Bunbury Cup, but may have gone too high in the weights. **Hob Green** came back to form when winning over six furlongs at Ayr recently, and is at least as effective over today's longer trip.

4.50: With Storm Canyon appearing to need further and Ballet Shoes exposed, it may be worth taking a chance with the unraced **Jawaal**.

ROBERT WRIGHT

REDCAR

THUNDERER
2.15 Fletcher's Bounty. 2.45 Dutosky. 3.20 Pride Of Pendle. 3.50 Ann's Pearl. 4.15 Ballad Dancer. 4.45 My Grain. 5.15 Mumtaz Flypast.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.15 Miss Rinjani.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 STAINTONDALE SELLING STAKES (£2,070: 7f) (11 runners)

1 0214 ACROSS THE BAY 19 (V,D,F,G,S) T Barron 6-9-6 ... K Darley 3
2 0235 CHOIR PRACTICE 12 (B,F,G) W Haggas 6-9-6 ... M Tebbutt 11
3 00/0 DARIKA LAD 16 (D,F) A Harrison 5-9-6 ... J Fortune 10
4 5315 FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 9 (BF,F) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-6 J Fanning 5
5 -300 GENTLE HERO 4 (D,F,G,S) M Naughton 7-9-6 ... Paul Eddery 1
6 3643 OBSIDIAN GREY 10 (D,G) Miss L Siddall 6-9-6 ... D Pears (3) 8
7 0055 SUSANNA'S SECRET 4 (CD,F,S) S Norton 6-9-6 Dale Gibson 9
8 6152 FORTIS PAVIOR 15 (F) R Whitaker 3-9-0 ... A Culhane 2
9 034 COLFAX CLASSIC 60 B Rothwell 3-8-9 ... D Biggs 7
10 FOR GOLD Mrs M Reveley 3-8-9 ... W Newnes 6
11 -312 SYLVAN STARLIGHT 43 (V,BF,G) M Prescott 3-8-9 ... C Nutter 4

11-4 Sylvan Starlight, 3-1 Across The Bay, 7-2 Fortis Pavior, 6-1 others.

2.45 BONUSPRINT FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,817: 1m 2f) (4)

1 0510 DUTOSKY 8 (D,F,G,S) R Williams 3-10-0 ... D Biggs 1
2 0511 ESSEX GIRL 11 (F,G) D Loder 3-9-3 ... K Darley 2
3 0621 MAY HILLS LEGACY 12 (D,G) D Arbuthnot 4-9-2 Paul Eddery 4
4 6260 GREEN'S CASSATT 9 (F) W Brisbourne 5-8-10 ... A Garth (5) 3

15-8 May Hills Legacy, 2-1 Essex Girl, 3-1 Dutosky, 7-2 Green's Cassatt.

3.20 PAUL DANIELS HANDICAP (£5,340: 1m) (7)

1 652- CROSSILLION 474 (D,F,G) G Wragg 5-10-0 ... Paul Eddery 6
2 2123 PRIDE OF PENDLE 7 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) P Calver 4-8-11 ... W Newnes 1
3 2211 SOOTY TERN 7 (D,F,G) J Bradley 6-8-10 ... Mark Denaro (7) 7
4 6523 MAJAL 4 (F) J Wainwright 4-8-6 ... L Charnock 3
5 0236 CELESTINE 7 (V,F,G,S) T Fairhurst 4-8-5 ... J Fanning 2
6 45-3 PRINCESS MAXINE 4 (D,BF,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-4 ... Dale Gibson 4
7 000- BONUS POINT 296 (C,F) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-2 ... A Darley 5

3-1 Majal, 7-2 Sooty Tern, Pride Of Pendle, 5-1 Princess Maxine, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 9 winners from 40 runners, 22.5%; W Jarvis, 4 from 24, 16.7%; Mrs M Reveley, 34 from 217, 15.7%; P Calver, 6 from 48, 12.5%; J Berry, 19 from 160, 11.9%. Only qualifiers.
JOCKEYS: Paul Eddery, 14 winners from 68 rides, 20.6%; W Newnes, 6 from 35, 17.1%; K Darley, 35 from 229, 15.3%; M Tebbutt, 5 from 35, 14.3%; J Fortune, 13 from 105, 12.4%. Only qualifiers.

3.50 LEIGH-ANN JOHNS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,243: 5f) (10)

1 4 ANN'S PEARL 22 P Makin 8-11 ... K Darley 9
2 CAPONATA J Berry 8-11 ... J Fortune 8
3 05 DAUNTLESS FORT 22 B Murray 8-11 ... W Newnes 2
4 633 KAYDARAJ 64 (BF) R Fahey 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 6
5 0 KENTUCKY FLYER 40 J Bottomley 8-11 ... L Charnock 1
6 06 LEVEL EDGE 53 J Jefferson 8-11 ... M Tebbutt 3
7 MONKEY FACE J Berry 8-11 ... Dale Gibson 10
8 6 PETRINA BAY 11 R Whitaker 8-11 ... A Culhane 5
9 0 SHAMANARA 89 M Ellerby 8-11 ... S Morris 7
10 0030 SPRING STAR 24 Mrs V Aconley 8-11 ... D Pears (3) 4

9-4 Ann's Pearl, 3-1 Caponata, 9-2 Kaydaraj, 6-1 Level Edge, 7-1 others.

4.15 LEVY BOARD CLAIMING HANDICAP (£3,183: 6f) (9)

1 1002 BALLAD DANCER 4 (CD,F,G,S) P Calver 8-10-0 ... W Newnes 7
2 0060 HONEY SEEKER 12 (D,G) T Thomson Jones 4-9-10 ... K Darley 4
3 0652 SLADES HILL 8 (D,BF,F,G,S) T Barron 6-9-10 ... D Pears (3) 1
4 4400 LANGUEDOC 21 (D,G,S) M Wane 6-9-9 ... L Charnock 2
5 0013 DUKE OF DREAMS 25 (C,BF,F) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-5 ... Paul Eddery 9
6 0122 SWEET ROMEO 9 (D,BF,F,G) M Johnston 3-9-2 ... J Fortune 5
7 0041 ASTERIX 7 (D,F) J Bradley 5-8-13 ... Mark Denaro (7) 6
8 5423 LARN FORT 19 (V,D,G,S) T Fairhurst 3-8-10 ... J Fanning 3
9 0550 KINNEGAD KID 12 R Ingram 4-7-9 ... N Gwilliams (5) 8

7-2 Sweet Romeo, 9-2 Slades Hill, 5-1 Ballad Dancer, Asterix, 6-1 others.

4.45 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE APPRENTICE MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,556: 1m 1f) (8)

1 2532 SEROTINA 17 (B,BF) W Jarvis 3-10-0 ... D Gibbs 6
2 /0-0 PUBLIC APPEAL 18 S Leadbetter 4-9-13 ... P Roberts 7
3 604- EDIREPUS 258J Mrs M Reveley 5-9-3 ... S Copp (8) 2
4 0-00 THROW AWAY LINE 69 R Bast 4-8-9 ... D Thomas (5) 3
5 3005 MOST SIDUXTABLE 16 C Thornton 3-8-5 ... G Mills (10) 1
6 0-06 MY GRAIN 33 T Thomson Jones 4-7-11 ... Mark Denaro 8
7 -056 GYPSY CRYSTAL 61 R Whitaker 3-7-9 ... M Baird (5) 5
8 0000 BRUSH WOLF 29 J Bradley 4-7-7 ... C Teague (5) 4

2-1 Serotina, 3-1 Edirepus, 9-2 Gypsy Crystal, 5-1 My Grain, 11-2 others.

5.15 EBF SINNINGTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,306: 7f) (7)

1 3 BOJOLLY 8 J Etherington 8-11 ... A Culhane 6
2 BONNY BRIDE D Loder 8-11 ... M Tebbutt 1
3 05 MATISSE 57 J Bethell 8-11 ... Dale Gibson 2
4 2 MISS RINJANI 16 G Wragg 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 4
5 MONKEY WENCH J Berry 8-11 ... J Fortune 7
6 4 MUMTAZ FLYPAST 17 Mrs M Reveley 8-11 ... K Darley 3
7 SHIFTING MIST M Prescott 8-11 ... C Nutter 5

5-2 Shifting Mist, 11-4 Miss Rinjani, 7-2 Bonny Bride, 5-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ayr: 3.05 Glint Of Ayr. **Lingfield**: 7.20 Lorins Gold. 7.50 One More Pound. **Redcar**: 4.45 Serotina. **Southwell**: 7.00 Tyrian Purple. 8.00 Wrets. 8.30 Point The Way.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER
2.10 Quillon. 2.40 Rue Rembrandt. 3.15 Bill Moon. 3.45 Taghareed. 4.20 Hob Green. 4.50 Ballet Shoes. 5.20 Jura Forest.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 Taghareed

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.10 MONTANA WINES MAIDEN STAKES (£3,915: 1m 4f) (15 runners)

101 (5) 0/ SIANESIO 676 (P Jessop) N Graham 4-9-5 ... B Marcus –
102 (4) 0-5 WORTHY MEMORIES 16 (Mrs E Bousquet-Payne) C Wall 4-9-2 ... W Woods –
103 (15) 0-302 ALASAD 15 (H Al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 3-8-10 ... R Hills 94
104 (13) 0-5 AMAZING AIR 24 (Exors of the late Mrs H Senn) G Edwards 3-8-10 ... A Mackay –
105 (9) 2 BAG OF TRICKS 9 (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-8-10 ... A Munro 96
106 (7) CLASSIC CABOOSE (R Duchossois) L Cumani 3-8-10 ... Michael Denaro (7) –
107 (8) 0-03342 COLLIER BAY 57 (Lord Derby) J Gosden 3-8-10 ... L Dettori 90
108 (2) 00 INTENTION 15 (R City) Mrs J Cecil 3-8-10 ... G Duffield 82
109 (12) 03 QUILLON 15 (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-10 ... W Ryan 93
110 (6) 04 RUSSIAN EMPIRE 37 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-10 ... B Raymond 85
111 (1) 0 TEOROMA 7 (E Wilson) Dr J Scargill 3-8-10 ... G Hind –
112 (11) BALMORAL BELLE (S Kelley) L Cumani 3-8-5 ... M Esposito –
113 (10) 2 KERKURA 26 (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 3-8-5 ... K Fallon 96
114 (14) 22 NITHANGA 29 (BF) (Ecurie Stud) L Cumani 3-8-5 ... R Cochrane 92
115 (3) 50 PRINCESS DAVID 78 (M Gredley) N Wright 3-8-5 ... G Bardwell [top rating]

BETTING: 11-4 Alasad, 3-1 Quillon, 5-1 Kerkura, 6-1 Nithanga, 15-2 Bag Of Tricks, 12-1 Classic Caboose, 14-1 Collier Bay, 16-1 Russian Empire, Princess David, 25-1 others.

1992: No Corresponding Race

2.40 BROOKS OF NORWICH CLAIMING STAKES (£3,132: 7f) (8 runners)

201 (8) 000311 SIZZLING SAGA 10 (D,F,G,S) (J D Abell) J Wharton 5-9-6 ... R Cochrane 91
202 (1) 00132 RUE REMBRANDT 19 (BF,F) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 5-9-6 ... R Hills 67
203 (6) 0011-24 A PRAYER FOR WINGS 112 (C,BF,F,G,S) (S Powell) J Sutcliffe 5-8-11 ... L Dettori [top rating]
204 (4) 50 GRANVILLE CORNER 16 (Duke Of Devonshire) J Toller 3-8-11 ... W Ryan –
205 (7) 052030 POP TO STANS 10 (D,F,G) (D Marler) J Pearce 4-8-10 ... B Raymond 77
206 (2) 001456 KING PARIS 7 (CD,F,G) (Mrs P Akpeoa) M Bell 3-8-9 ... M Fenton (3) 90
207 (5) 0- BALLYGRIFFIN BELLE 354 (T Breen) T McGovern 4-8-8 ... N Adams –
208 (3) 0 EASTERN CHARLY 22 (R Guest) R Guest 3-8-5 ... G Hind –

BETTING: 6-4 A Prayer For Wings, 13-8 Sizzling Saga, 3-1 Rue Rembrandt, 8-1 King Paris, 33-1 others.

1992: No Corresponding Race

3.15 DICKINS INVITATION STAKES (Limited Handicap £3,396 1m) (11 runners) C4

301 (10) 044215 SHINING JEWEL 17 (D,BF,F,G) (D Parr) Mrs L Piggott 6-10-7 ... Renee Kierans 97
302 (3) 121050 NORTH ESK 9 (D,F,G) (A Speyer) D Wilson 4-10-4 ... Olga Hulieska [top rating]
303 (11) 131225 LOMBARD SHIPS 15 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Mitchell) A Bailey 6-10-2 ... Diana Jones 97
304 (6) 01-6060 TAKENHALL 11 (C,F,G) M Fetherston-Godley 8-9-12 ... Katherine Neilson 96
305 (2) 026234 BILL MOON 4 (D,F,G) (P Feilden) P Feilden 7-9-7 ... Maxine Cowdrey 98
306 (3) 620621 DARING PAST 8 (G) (V Sturgis) R Boss 3-9-7 ... Sandrine Tarrou 95
307 (5) 1245-05 DODGY 21 (V,CD,F,G) (J Redmond) S Dow 6-9-5 ... Di Arbuthnot 96
308 (4) 036005 DEAD CALM 7 (V,S) (Mrs S Brook) C Tinkler 3-9-0 ... Anthea Farrell 94
309 (7) 0066-2 FATHER DAN 11 (Rolerate Ltd) Gay Kelleway 4-9-0 ... Irmtraud Wiener 91
310 (9) 40/0/05 COOL COQUELIN 29 (Mrs W Jenkins) J Jenkins 5-9-0 ... Karen Scollick 81
311 (1) 0060 RAPINSKI 16 (Mrs S Turner) K Wingrove 4-9-0 ... Jo Winter –

Long handicap: Dead Calm 8-10, Father Dan 8-7, Cool Coquelin 8-0, Rapinski 7-6

BETTING: 6-1 Dodgy, 7-1 Shining Jewel, Takenhall, Father Dan, 15-2 Daring Past, 8-1 North Esk, Lombard Ships, Bill Moon, 10-1 Dead Calm, Cool Coquelin, 25-1 Rapinski.

1992: DODGY 5-9-11 Miss M Juster (6-11) S Dow 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHINING JEWEL beat Strike-A-Pose 1l in an 8-runner claimer at Yarmouth (1m, firm) on penultimate start. NORTH ESK 3¾l 5th of 10 to Deevea in a handicap over course and distance (good to soft) on penultimate start. LOMBARD SHIPS 1l 2nd of 9 to Corals Dream in a claimer at Ayr (7f, good) on penultimate start.
BILL MOON 3½l 4th of 14 to Pusey Street Boy in an amateur riders' handicap at Redcar (7f, good to firm). DARING PAST beat Bronze Maquette head in an 8-runner handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good). DEAD CALM 1l 5th of 18 to Asterix in a ladies' selling handicap at Thirsk (6f, firm). FATHER DAN 1½l 2nd of 10 to Dodgy Dancer in a ladies' handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: DARING PAST

3.45 COLUMBUS SWEET SOLERA STAKES (Listed: 2-Y-O fillies: £9,594: 7f) (10 runners) C4

401 (6) 12153 QUEENBIRD 14 (BF,S) (A Reid) H Cecil 8-11 ... W Ryan 97
402 (5) 521 CUT THE RED TAPE 21 (D,G) (J Clopet and Ptnrs) M Johnston 8-8 ... G Duffield 73
403 (3) 01 FAIRY HEIGHTS 22 (CD,S) (F Golding) N Callaghan 8-8 ... A Munro 85
404 (8) GREAT TRIVIALITY (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-8 ... B Marcus –
405 (4) 40 IZZA 32 (F Kalis) C Brittain 8-8 ... S Whitworth 88
406 (10) 1042 NSX 14 (G) (Sultan Ahmad Shah) Miss Gay Kelleway 8-8 ... K Fallon 94
407 (7) 112 OVERACT 23 (D,F,G) (Lady Hayward) D Loder 8-8 ... L Dettori 97
408 (2) 3 SONG OF YEARS 22 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Hills 8-8 ... B Raymond 76
409 (9) 01 SPOT PRIZE 22 (G) (J Smith) D Elsworth 8-8 ... R Cochrane 82
410 (1) 21 TAGHAREED 17 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-8 ... R Hills [top rating]

BETTING: 2-1 Queenbird, 5-2 Taghareed, 3-1 Overact, 12-1 Izza, Nsx, 14-1 Fairy Heights, 16-1 others.

1992: MYSTIC GODDESS 8-8 W Carson (10-11 fav) M Stoute 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

QUEENBIRD 9¼l 5th of 11 to Risky in group III Queen Mary Stakes at Ascot (5f, soft) on penultimate start. CUT THE RED TAPE beat Durham Drapes 3½l in an 8-runner maiden auction at Ayr (7f, good). FAIRY HEIGHTS beat La Duica 3½l in a 6-runner maiden over course and distance (good to soft) with SONG OF YEARS (same terms) 1l 3rd. IZZA 7l 7th of 8 to Lemon Souffle in group III Cherry Hinton Stakes here (6f, good to firm). NSX head 2nd of 4 to Star Speeder in a conditions race at Newcastle (7f, good to firm) with QUEENBIRD (3lb better off) head 3rd. OVERACT neck 2nd of 5 to News And Echo in a conditions race at Sandown (7f, soft). SPOT PRIZE beat I'm Your Lady 1l in a 7-runner maiden at Newbury (5f, good). TAGHAREED beat Lucky Message 3½l in a 16-runner maiden auction at Redcar (6f, good to firm).
Selection: QUEENBIRD (nap)

4.20 BRIERLEY INVESTMENTS HANDICAP (£23,150: 7f) (18 runners) C4

501 (17) 332131 EN ATTENDANT 30 (CD,F,G) (Mrs B Newton) B Hanbury 5-9-12 ... W Ryan 97
502 (12) 545305 VENTURE CAPITALIST 7 (B,F,G) (Mrs J Harris) R Hannon 4-9-7 ... NON-RUNNER 97
503 (9) 11525-2 REALITIES 17 (BF,G) (S Kamel) G Harwood 3-9-8 ... L Dettori 92
504 (10) 200002 BEWARE OF AGENTS 12 (CD,F,S) (B Yeardley Ltd) M Johnston 4-9-4 R P Elliott 95
505 (4) 622508 YOUNG ERN 25 (F,S) (M Kentish) S Dow 3-9-4 ... P McCabe (7) 94
506 (11) 2141-06 WATHIK 35 (CD,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-3 ... R Hills 84
507 (13) 3/06215 CORALS DREAM 8 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Hamson) C Wall 4-8-12 ... W Woods 92
508 (18) 060201 HOB GREEN 21 (CD,F,G) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-11 ... K Fallon 98
509 (14) 1-30400 NORFOLK HERO 9 (G) (Lady Watts) D Murray Smith 3-8-9 ... A Munro 94
510 (5) 012012 VELOCE 14 (D,G) (M Gonzalez) A Bailey 5-8-9 ... A Mackay 94
511 (1) 11-2630 YOURS BY RIGHT 24 (F,G,S) (J Turner) W G M Turner 3-8-7 ... G Duffield 93
512 (2) 002420 BLOCKADE 9 (C,D,F,G,S) (A Warrender) M Bell 4-8-6 ... M Fenton (3) 95
513 (3) 651222 TAJDIF 14 (BF,C,D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 3-8-6 ... S Whitworth 97
514 (16) 100021 KASSBAAN 7 (C,D,F,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 3-8-5 ... B Raymond [top rating]
515 (6) 5-31523 PRINCESS KRIS 3 (F) (Exors of Mrs V Hue-Williams) M Stoute 3-8-5 R Cochrane 94
516 (8) 120412 FACE NORTH 8 (F,G) (Normandy Developments) R Akehurst 5-8-1 ... B Russell (5) 94
517 (7) 6-43100 INDIAN SLAVE 21 (BF,CD,F,G) (R Axford) R Guest 5-7-12 ... D Harrison (3) 96
518 (15) 051604 FIGHTER SQUADRON 8 (B,D,F,G) (Claremont) J Glover 4-7-9 ... N Varley (7) 93

BETTING: 5-1 Hob Green, 8-1 Kassbaan, 10-1 En Attendant, Veloce, Princess Kris, 12-1 Norfolk Hero, Blockade, Face North, 14-1 Beware Of Agents, Tajdif, 16-1 Realities, Young Ern, 20-1 Corals Dream, Yours By Right, Indian Slave, Fighter Squadron, 33-1 Wathik.

1992: DEPRECATOR 4-8-5 W Carson (16-1) J Gosden 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

EN ATTENDANT beat VELOCE (8lb worse off) neck in a valuable 27-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with VENTURE CAPITALIST (7lb better off) 13¾l 12th and BEWARE OF AGENTS (7lb better off) 1l 15th. VENTURE CAPITALIST 3¼l 5th of 29 to King's Signet in a valuable handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to soft). REALITIES neck 2nd of 6 to Siwaayib in a conditions race at Doncaster (6f, good). BEWARE OF AGENTS 1½l 2nd of 11 to Ibraz in a handicap at Newcastle (7f, good to firm).
YOUNG ERN 2¾l 3rd of 5 to Tahdid in a handicap at Beverley (7f 110yd, firm). HOB GREEN beat For The Present 2½l in an 11-runner handicap at Ayr (6f, good) with VELOCE (same terms) 7½l 7th. NORFOLK HERO 3½l 7th of 19 to Pfulidor in a valuable handicap at Goodwood (1m, good to soft) with BLOCKADE (1lb better off) 1l 9th. KASSBAAN beat Amaan 2½l in an 8-runner handicap here (1m, good). FACE NORTH short-head 2nd of 10 to Master Planner in a handicap here (6f, good) with FIGHTER SQUADRON (6lb better off) 2¾l 4th.
Selection: EN ATTENDANT

4.50 FAY RICHWHITE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,882: 6f) (8 runners) C4

601 (5) JAWAAL (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 ... B Raymond –
602 (8) 22-2 STORM CANYON 7 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... L Dettori [top rating]
603 (2) 03 AQUILETTA 22 (A Lyons) C Booth 8-9 ... K Fallon 88
604 (1) 2-523 BALLET SHOES 10 (Lord Weinstock) R Charlton 8-9 ... R Cochrane 98
605 (7) FILL (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 8-9 ... R Hills –
606 (3) 65 KAPUCHKA 42 (F Kalis) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 ... S Whitworth 78
607 (4) 0-5 LADY HONDA 15 (Eddy Grimstead Honda Limited) C Brittain 8-9 ... D Harrison (3) –
608 (6) 20 PENNY FAN 22 (Fahd Salman) H Candy 8-9 ... A Munro 75

BETTING: 10-11 Storm Canyon, 7-2 Ballet Shoes, 7-1 Fill, 10-1 Aquiletta, Penny Fan, 12-1 Jawaal, 33-1 others.

1992: AMWAG 8-9 M Roberts (11-4) A Stewart 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

STORM CANYON 3½l 2nd of 7 to El Gahar in a maiden at Thirsk (1m, firm). AQUILETTA 4¾l 3rd of 13 to So Intrepid in a maiden over course and distance (good to soft) with PENNY FAN (same terms) 6½l 7th.
BALLET SHOES 1l 3rd of 10 to Call Me I'm Blue in a handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to soft). KAPUCHKA 6¼l 5th of 10 to Oare Sparrow in a maiden at Chepstow (7f, good to firm). LADY HONDA 11l 5th of 7 to Newbury Coat in a maiden at Yarmouth (5f, good to firm). PENNY FAN ½l 2nd of 10 to El Arz in a maiden at Beverley (5f, firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: BALLET SHOES

5.20 AUCKLAND HANDICAP (£4,793: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

1 (9) 133330- DORSET DUKE 288 (C,F,G) (G Wragg) G Wragg 6-10-0 ... R Hills 86
2 (10) 4-42200 DREAMS END 22 (CD,G,S) (T Price) Dr J Scargill 5-9-8 ... R Cochrane 92
3 (8) 05813 JURA FOREST 21 (C,F) (Lord Vestey) J Fanshawe 3-9-1 ... G Duffield 92
4 (4) 4-434 ARKAAN 51 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-11 ... B Raymond 95
5 (5) 5030-35 EDEN'S CLOSE 11 (F) (Mrs M Barwell) M Tompkins 4-8-10 ... S Mulvey (7) 97
6 (3) 341112 BENTICO 12 (D,BF,F,G) (M Christoff) M Jarvis 4-8-10 ... W Ryan [top rating]
7 (7) 032-0 ROBENKO 17 (Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-8-8 ... L Dettori 86
8 (2) 426-312 MANILA BAY 14 (D,F) (Fahd Salman) M Bell 3-8-8 ... A Munro 92
9 (1) 032020 SWIFT SILVER 7 (D,G,S) (Lord Rowallan) W Musson 6-8-0 ... D McCabe (5) 94
10 (8) 000552 SECRET ASSIGNMENT 9 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-7-9 ... D Biggs 95

BETTING: 4-1 Bentico, 5-1 Eden's Close, 6-1 Jura Forest, Manila Bay, Arkaan, 13-2 Dreams End, 7-1 Dorset Duke, 10-1 Robenko, 12-1 Secret Assignment, 16-1 Swift Silver

1992: KINEMATIC 4-9-6 J Weaver (6-1) J Gosden 10 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Chapple-Hyam	13	56	23.2	N Varley	4	12	33.3
H Cecil	70	321	21.8	L Dettori	56	426	13.1
D Loder	3	16	18.8	R Cochrane	40	381	10.5
R Charlton	11	59	18.6	A Munro	21	232	9.1
M Stoute	50	276	18.1	G Duffield	16	177	9.0
J Gosden	39	227	17.2	K Fallon	4	47	8.5

Perks fined for refusing ride

STEVE Perks was fined £270 by the Redcar stewards yesterday for refusing to ride Jimmy Etherington's Soba Up in the Cleveland Maiden Stakes. Perks had been declared to ride by Etherington but declined the mount on hearing that the filly had previously caused difficulty in the stalls. The Stewards interviewed both men and told Perks they did not consider his reason for refusing to ride Soba Up a valid one. He was fined under Jockey Club Rule 141.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER
2.00 Haddaaj. 2.30 MACFARLANE (nap). 3.00 Colway Rock. 3.30 Bold Angel. 4.00 Redress. 4.30 Light Hand. 5.00 Teshami.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.00 TESHAMI (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 REDRESS (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 HARCROS TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier £6,320 1m 6f) (12 runners) BBC1

1 (3) 500460 STAR PLAYER 42 (D,F,G) (P Smith) R Baker 7-9-12 ... J Williams 94
2 (10) 606-424 OPERA GHOST 29 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 7-9-12 ... P Robinson 91
3 (8) 100-401 VIARDOT 7 (C,G,S) (Mrs H North) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-11 ... M Hills 95
4 (9) 224111 SHUJAN 17 (D,G,S) (M Pelgiase) R Armstrong 4-9-8 ... J Reid 91
5 (7) 040425 CHIEF MINISTER 10 (D,F,S) (Exors of K Whelton) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-13 D Holland 93
6 (11) 005111 HADDAAJ 17 (CD,F,G) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) B Hanbury 3-8-12 M Roberts 92
7 (6) 34161 BALADIYA 16 (G,S) (Mrs R Hawes) D Morris 6-8-10 ... C Hodgson (3) 88
8 (12) 153 MY ROSSINI 14 (F) (Mrs C Eaton) P Bevan 4-8-9 ... C Hawksley (7) [top rating]
9 (5) 4-5124 CROMARTY 45 (S) (Sir David Wills) H Cecil 3-8-7 ... A McGlone 93
10 (2) 052260 PHILGUN 21 (F,S) (C Barber-Lomax) C W C Elsey 4-8-5 ... J Carroll 97
11 (4) 216313 CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY 60 (G) (Cumbrian Ind) M H Easterby 3-8-0 S Maloney (3) 93
12 (1) 511252 HARLESTONE BROOK 35 (F,S) (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 3-7-10 ... W Carson 95

BETTING: 4-1 Cromarty, 5-1 Haddaaj, 7-1 Harlestone Brook, Shujan, Viardot, 8-1 Chief Minister, 10-1 Cumbrian Rhapsody, Opera Ghost, 14-1 Baladiya, 16-1 Philgun, Star Player, 20-1 My Rossini.

1992: LORD HASTIE 4-9-6 M Roberts (11-2 fav) S Norton 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

VIARDOT beat The Karaoke King ½l in a 14-runner amateur riders' handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). Earlier dead-heated with OPERA GHOST (4lb worse off) 4½l 4th of 6 to Crystal Cross in a handicap at York (1m 4f, good to firm). SHUJAN dead-heated for 1st with HADDAAJ in a 6-runner handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good). CHIEF MINISTER 1l 2nd of 5 to Discord in a handicap over course and distance (good) on penultimate start.
BALADIYA beat Overpower 6l in a 9-runner claimer at Yarmouth (1m 3f 101yd, good). PHILGUN 11l 7th of 13 to Discord in a handicap at Newbury (1m 5f 61yd, good). Earlier ¾l 2nd of 9 to Highflying in an apprentice jockeys' handicap at York (1m 4f, good to soft). CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY beat Bobbysoxer 2l in an 11-runner handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: HADDAAJ

2.30 CORAL HANDICAP (£11,405: 5f) (14 runners) BBC1

1 (3) 0421-20 ROCK SYMPHONY 86 (D,G) (Sir Anthony Page-Wood) A Scott 3-10-0 ... M Hills 93
2 (8) 0-20321 DOMINUET 57 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Heathcote) J Spearing 8-9-13 ... J Lowe 95
3 (9) 2-10225 SIR HARRY HARDMAN 50 (CD,G,S) (P Hooke) F Lee 5-9-12 ... S Perks 96
4 (2) 0/53531 POYLE GEORGE 21 (D,F,G,S) (C Wiggins) D Elsworth 8-9-12 ... A Procter (5) 98
5 (13) 0-00440 STAR FAMILY FRIEND 22 (CD,F,G,S) M Tompkins 3-9-7 ... P Robinson 92
6 (5) 315-30 STEPANOV 21 (D,BF,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-5 ... M Roberts 94
7 (4) 544230 GORINSKY 7 (F,G,S) (W Robertson) J Berry 5-9-2 ... J Carroll 98
8 (7) 102-343 MISTERTOPOGIGO 64 (D,F) (G Alessi) B Beasley 3-9-0 ... W Carson 90
9 (10) 03-0604 CANTORIS 15 (CD,F,G) (G Crean) R Williams 7-9-0 ... C Hodgson (3) 98
10 (12) 000531 BODARI 6 (D,F,S) (R Thomas) D Wilson 4-8-8 ... D Holland 97
11 (1) 611030 SIR JOEY 7 (D,S) (Mrs A Sims) P Murphy 4-8-7 ... J Williams 97
12 (14) 122303 MACFARLANE 46 (D,BF,G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 5-8-6 ... F Norton 98
13 (6) 530110 GONDO 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs H O'Brien) E Alston 6-8-6 ... J Reid 95
14 (11) 52-5 HICKORY BLUE 17 (Mrs C Griffin) S Norton 3-8-3 ... Stephen Davies (5) [top rating]

BETTING: 6-1 Cantoris, 8-1 Dominuet, Gorinsky, Poyle George, 10-1 Hickory Blue, Sir Harry Hardman, Stepanov, 12-1 Macfarlane, Mistertopogigo, 14-1 Sir Joey, Star Family Friend, 16-1 others.

1992: BIT OF A LARK 4-9-2 A Cruz (16-1) R Hollinshead 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOMINUET beat SIR HARRY HARDMAN (6lb better off) 1½l in a 12-runner handicap at York (6f, good to soft). Previously 1l 2nd of 8 to Lord High Admiral in a handicap over course and distance (soft) with GONDO (2lb better off) 5l 4th. POYLE GEORGE beat Heavenly Risk ½l in a 9-runner handicap at Newbury (5f, good). GORINSKY 4l 8th of 29 to King's Signet in the Stewards' Cup Handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to soft) with SIR JOEY (5lb better off) 12l 27th. Previously 1½l 3rd of 19 to Everglades in a handicap at York (6f, good to firm). BODARI beat Aughfad neck in a 5-runner handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to soft). MACFARLANE 1½l 3rd of 7 to Sea-Deer in a handicap at Newbury (5f, good). GONDO beat Absolution 2½l in a 5-runner handicap at Ayr (5f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: SIR HARRY HARDMAN

3.00 BURTONWOOD BREWERY ROSE OF LANCASTER STAKES (Group III: £21,366: 1m 2f 120yd) (3 runners) BBC1

1 (2) 263126 HALF A TICK 8 (CD,F,G,S) (C Wates) P Cole 5-9-7 ... C Rutter 97
2 (1) 431161- KNIFEBOX 280 (D,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 5-9-7 ... M Roberts 98
3 (3) 133-10 COLWAY ROCK 90 (G,S) (R Coleman) J Watts 3-8-7 ... N Connorton [top rating]

BETTING: 10-11 Half A Tick, 9-4 Colway Rock, 7-2 Knifebox.

1992: HALF A TICK 4-9-3 C Rutter (8-1) P Cole 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

HALF A TICK about 4l 6th of 12 to Usaidit in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to soft). Earlier beat Beachwood 1½l in an 8-runner listed race at San Siro (1m 2f, good to firm). KNIFEBOX beat Funny Baby 2l in 11-runner group II Premio Carlo Porta at San Siro (1m 2f, heavy) in October with HALF A TICK (3lb worse off) 13½l 6th. COLWAY ROCK beat Beneficial neck in conditions race at Thirsk (1m, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: KNIFEBOX

3.30 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (£5,897: 7f 30yd) (9 runners)

1 (6) 002150 HIGHLAND MAGIC 30 (D,G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 5-10-0 ... C Rutter 96
2 (8) 41-3414 BOLD ANGEL 18 (CD,F,S) (A Wragg) M H Easterby 6-9-9 ... M Birch 96
3 (2) 831640 AITCH N'BEE 21 (D,G,S) (Lady Herries) Lady Herries 10-9-6 ... A McGlone 98
4 (4) 33-6400 NO RESERVATIONS 35 (F,G) (C Sumner, J Short) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-6 J Reid 94
5 (9) 00-3250 MARINE DIVER 14 (C,F,G) (Merthyr Tydfil Cars) B Millman 7-9-3 ... J Williams 98
6 (7) 232056 CEE-JAY-AY 9 (D,F,G,S) (R Jinks) J Berry 6-9-0 ... J Carroll [top rating]
7 (3) 53442 BROUGHTON'S PORT 17 (Broughton Insulation) W Musson 3-8-3 ... M Roberts 92
8 (1) 050650 DARUSSALAM 7 (B,G,S) (Foxley Saddlery) R Lee 6-8-0 ... W Carson 97
9 (5) 0-50165 KUMMEL KING 15 (D,F,G) (D Hall) E Alston 5-7-10 ... D Wright (5) 91

BETTING: 5-2 Broughton's Port, 7-2 Cee-Jay-Ay, 4-1 Bold Angel, 11-2 Highland Magic, 7-1 No Reservations, Aitch N'Bee, 10-1 Darussalam, 12-1 others.

1992: BOLD ANGEL 5-9-10 M Birch (6-1) M H Easterby 10 ran

4.00 EBF HERMITAGE GREEN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £4,110: 6f) (7 runners)

1 (7) 5 ASDAF 22 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 ... M Hills 71
2 (2) AS SHARP AS (D Pickering) B Hills 8-11 ... D Holland –
3 (1) 3 BRADWELL 24 (P Rosborough) M Tompkins 8-11 ... P Robinson 83
4 (4) 4 MALINGERER 31 (T Ronan) Bob Jones 8-11 ... N Carlisle 80
5 (3) 4 MEHTHAAF 30 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11 ... W Carson 92
6 (5) 05 MY GALLERY 28 (G Mydon) A Bailey 8-11 ... D Wright (5) 85
7 (6) 2 REDRESS 31 (F Salman) P Cole 8-11 ... C Rutter [top rating]

BETTING: 5-4 Redress, 7-2 Mehthaaf, 6-1 As Sharp As, Asdaf, 8-1 Bradwell, 12-1 Malingerer, 16-1 My Gallery

1992: BONJOUR 9-0 N Day (8-1) J Gosden 9 ran

4.30 PRESCOT CLAIMING STAKES (£2,710: 1m 2f 120yd) (7 runners)

1 (1) 3112- BELGRAN 416 (D,F,G) (J Pugh) P Evans 4-9-12 ... D Holland [top rating]
2 (2) 036440 SURREY DANCER 15 (D,F,G,S) (Cronk Racing Ltd) B Hanbury 5-9-2 ... J Reid 95
3 (3) 203244 WITHOUT A FLAG 21 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-13 ... W Carson 72
4 (5) 1140-50 LIGHT HAND 22 (CD,F,G,S) (M Tompkins) M Tompkins 7-8-12 ... P Robinson 96
5 (4) 646053 CHANDIGARH 19 (M Broke) R Lee 5-8-9 ... M Roberts 85
6 (7) 00 DUNBAR 21 (D Gorton) C Tinkler 3-8-1 ... S Maloney (3) –
7 (6) 021223 DON'T FORGET MARIE 29 (D,S) (G Mydon) A Bailey 3-7-12 ... D Wright (5) 92

BETTING: 5-4 Light Hand, 9-4 Surrey Dancer, 13-2 Belgran, 8-1 Don't Forget Marie, 10-1 Without A Flag, 12-1 Chandigarh, 20-1 Dunbar

1992: RAMBO'S HALL 7-9-9 D Nicholls (3-1) J Glover 10 ran

5.00 HARVEY JONES RATED HANDICAP (£6,446: 1m 30yd) (10 runners)

1 (8) 10-2340 CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 9 (D,F,G) (Cumbrian Ind) M H Easterby 4-9-7 ... M Birch 96
2 (6) 201045 RISK MASTER 14 (D,G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 4-9-5 ... D Holland 98
3 (2) 20-0106 AMAZE 14 (CD,S) (Lady Katharine Phillips) Lady Herries 4-9-5 ... A Clark 96
4 (7) 0-14550 TISSISAT 14 (D,F,G) (The Queen) I Balding 4-9-1 ... M Hills 95
5 (1) 311-080 AMAZING FEAT 86 (D,G,S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-0 ... J Reid [top rating]
6 (10) 0215 TESHAMI 8 (D,BF,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-13 ... M Roberts 97
7 (4) 1-00200 CONEYBURY 30 (G) (R Sangster) L Cumani 3-8-8 ... C Hodgson (3) 92
8 (5) 1-4202 BOLD AMUSEMENT 30 (BF,G) (D Sell) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-8 ... C Rutter 98
9 (9) 114411 FOURFORFUN 19 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Knipe) R Hannon 3-8-5 ... A Whelan (7) 97
10 (3) 321304 NAFUTH 15 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-1 ... W Carson 89

BETTING: 9-4 Teshami, 7-2 Fourforfun, 5-1 Amaze, Tissisat, 7-1 Risk Master, 10-1 Amazing Feat, Nafuth, 12-1 others.

1992: ST NINIAN 6-9-9 M Birch (13-2) M H Easterby 8 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Bob Jones	5	11	45.5	J Reid	16	74	21.6
D Elsworth	3	8	37.5	M Hills	15	91	16.5
H Cecil	20	55	36.4	M Roberts	16	104	15.4
J Gosden	20	66	30.3	N Connorton	7	47	14.9
R Williams	5	20	25.0	W Carson	12	85	14.1
P Walwyn	7	32	21.9	C Rutter	5	38	13.2

RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Windsor, †Leicester, †Thirsk, Worcester.
TUESDAY: Bath, Yarmouth, †Catterick Bridge.
WEDNESDAY: Beverley, Salisbury, †Sandown Park, Fontwell Park.
THURSDAY: Beverley, Salisbury, Newton Abbot, †Uttoxeter.
FRIDAY: Newbury, Folkestone, Southwell, †Haydock Park.
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Saturday portrait: Alex Ferguson, by David Miller

Firebrand manager who restored glory days to Old Trafford

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN

They relate in Scotland how, on the bad days at Aberdeen, Alex Ferguson would come into their dressing room at half-time and start throwing teacups. It is not told whether or not they were still full of hot, sugary tea. Either way, Ferguson has always been a firebrand.

By now, however, seven years after arriving at Old Trafford and having at last recaptured the coveted league title for Manchester United, he is at the age of 51 a shade more mellow. A Glaswegian with an avowed "Scots wee inferiority complex", he nonetheless has endearing characteristics for those who really know him. Passionate and volatile, yet honest and loyal.

Not only has he led the famous club after 26 years back to the position for which they yearned, but he is the first Scottish manager to have made successfully the transition to English football. Busby, Shankly, Docherty, Beattie, Gillies, Graham — whose Arsenal side United meet at Wembley today in the Charity Shield — and others developed in the south. With the same volatility as Docherty, Ferguson has revealed maturity and a stronger sense of responsibility. Behind the occasional, spontaneous eye-bulging outbursts, there are few grudges and indeed a warmth. There was the occasion that the *Manchester Evening News* ran a Christmas-time story about the team visiting an SAS training camp, jestingly referring to 'picking up some tips'. Ferguson was incandescent, alleging that players' families would be threatened with IRA retaliation. The *News*'s football writer was dispatched to Old Trafford to appease Ferguson only to be greeted with a gale of four-letter abuse. Retreating repentant, the innocent sports writer said: "Well, all I can say is, a happy Christmas." Whereupon Ferguson subsided into a broad, apologetic smile. A man of extremes he still finds it difficult to accommodate the press. He contrived at the time to blame the media for the extent of formal Football Association discipline on the two occasions when United were involved in brawls at Wimbledon and at home to Arsenal. Manchester United were paying the price, he claimed, of fame and envy, but that is a phenomenon of which the media is only a reflection rather than the cause.

Last season, Ferguson launched an abusive attack on a reporter over a question regarding the non-selection of Giggs for a UEFA Cup match when in fact Ferguson had misinterpreted the new limitation on 'foreign' players. The hatchet was soon buried.

Like Busby, and most good managers, he is instinctively and understandably defensive of his players and his own decisions. Bred in Govan, formerly a thriving shipbuilding community beside the Clyde, the home of Rangers, and now sadly a decaying area, he has never forgotten his roots. He may lack the urbanity of Busby, the legend from whose shadow five previous managers had failed to escape, but he is of similar rock-solid stock. Busby was an elegant wing half, Ferguson an all-elbows, bustling centre forward with Queen's Park, St Johnstone, Dunfermline, Falkirk and Rangers. Busby's sense of fair reward for effort was bred in the tiny Lanarkshire mining village of Orbiston, Ferguson's as a shipyard apprentice welder, who led Clydeside strikes and subsequently became the Scottish players' union chairman.

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Ferguson has shared Busby's sense of family and unity, arising from a consciousness of duty towards his own three sons, Mark, who is in merchant banking, and the twins, Jason and Darren. Jason, after a spell of charity work in Romania, is now working in television, while Darren, wholly free of charges of nepotism, is a significant member of the United playing squad.

He has an abiding sense of fairness that is not publicly apparent. He is still deeply troubled, for instance, by the trauma caused to the sensitive, introspective Leighton, the goalkeeper, *his* goalkeeper, he dropped for the 1990 FA Cup final replay against Crystal Palace, and by its effect upon Leighton's career, most immediately his performance for Scotland in the World Cup finals in Italy.

A mark of Ferguson's management is the honest conviction with which he takes controversial decisions; such as that to release the aging Strachan — so prominent with him at Aberdeen and then Old Trafford — to Leeds, with whom Strachan proceeded to rob an ultimately stuttering United of the title in 1991-92. Ferguson was no less forthright in his seemingly bizarre omission from Scotland's World Cup finals squad of 1986 — when temporarily succeeding Jock Stein — of Hansen, the most talented central defender in Britain, admitting the decision embarrassed him; and then equally controversially dropping Souness, the captain, from the final match against Uruguay.

He does not hide his beliefs. When Archie Knox, his long-time assistant, suddenly quit Old Trafford to join Walter Smith for more money at Ibrox, Ferguson rebuked him (and Ferguson is the man who won three league titles and the Cup Winners' Cup with Aberdeen). "Archie, the football up there is crap, and you know it," he said. "Scottish football has gone backwards." The Rangers job he argued did not contain what was important in life and paled in comparison with United.

When Ferguson succeeded Ron Atkinson in 1986 he set about removing certain players, notably McGrath and Whiteside, and the evident notion that United was a drinking rather than a football club, also sacking complacent and cautious scouts and restoring the quality of the youth policy. This led to acquiring Giggs and Sharpe, and their rapid promotion.

The debt that Manchester United, and the English game, most owe Ferguson, is his persistence, in the face of ever increasing expediency elsewhere, with attacking, creative football, sustained by public response, indeed demand.

"Some of our supporters are happy to see us lose," Ferguson has said, "provided we score four goals and entertain them ... something unique among supporters in the land." After his teams finished eleventh, second and eleventh in his first three seasons, Martin Edwards, the chairman, briefly considered a further replacement and would probably have yielded to pressure, when United were thirteenth in 1990, but for the FA Cup victory. This was followed by a resounding Cup Winners' Cup triumph over Barcelona the next year, Ferguson successfully stifling the adventurer Koeman, Johann Cruyff's sweeper, with McClair.

But just when United seemed poised for the cherished title, in 1992, they blew it with a draw at humble Luton and defeats by Nottingham Forest at home and West Ham and Liverpool away. Ferguson vainly gambled on dropping the goalless Hughes against Forest, United's tally having dropped from 42 before Christmas to 21 in the new year. Ferguson was pilloried for his selection, tactics, and allegedly conveying to his players his own nerves.

Out of control, he called the already relegated West Ham's inspired performance "obscene".

The rest as they say is history. He had already signed Pallister and Ince in 1989, and Schmeichel, a goalkeeper who was subsequently the star of the 1992 European Championship finals, in 1991. Spending had risen to £16 million in six years (now, including Keane, to £24m). Ferguson remained true to attacking policy, took a grip, mostly, on his public utterances, signed Cantona from Leeds — sweet revenge for selling them Strachan — and the title was won.

"You need character and tremendous dedication [at United] and I wonder at times how long I will be able to last out," Ferguson says. He should be good for a few years yet.

He has learnt perhaps above all to live with the envy and resentment which Manchester United have carried everywhere with them from rival clubs, ever since the days of Law, Charlton, Best and Crerand. Ferguson has said that he will no longer be shocked as he was by a gloating Liverpool player who, as the title slid away from Old Trafford in 1992, shouted an expletive in venomous triumph across the corridor from the dressing room.

Arsenal should aim to please

BY DAVID MILLER

THERE will be little charity in today's Charity Shield. Alex Ferguson and George Graham, respective managers of the FA Cup winners and Premier League champions, yesterday assured the Wembley audience that Manchester United and Arsenal would both be looking for victory, not exhibition.

"Winning is a good habit, so why not start early?" Graham asked succinctly. Ferguson responded that all teams like to begin "with a flyer". That being so, how much will Graham's men allow us to see of the likes of Giggs and, if recovered from a hamstring strain, Keane? Not much, you would predict.

Manchester United are the team that pleases most people, Arsenal the side which, perplexingly for Graham, finds it hard to satisfy those outside Highbury. On the eve of a new season, two of the most prominent managers in England, both Scots, spent an hour or so debating, at a Football Writers' Association lunch, the degree to which the game demands them to be ruthless.

There is a difference between them, and their attitudes, as discernible as that between their teams on the field. Ferguson looked into space and spoke, with emotion, of the difficulty he finds in making ruthless selection decisions in the interests of the team. Graham, as detached as if he were the chairman of M & S addressing the shareholders, said he knew no manager or coach who would not like to win 5-0 playing attractively, but that there was a gulf between philosophising and achievement.

It riles Graham that Arsenal are denied widespread acclaim, and it is ironic that he should feel as bruised temperamentally, by the attitude to Arsenal's expedient FA Cup victory, as many of the neutral public did by Arsenal's tactics on the day. It is difficult to be ruthlessly functional and to be loved.

"*It is a fallacy that we don't* play good football" Graham protested, referring to his two championship titles, "just because we have a lovely reputation of being difficult to beat." Therein lies the heart of the matter: Arsenal are difficult to beat, but the reputation is not always lovely. Graham cannot have it both ways.

Remembering how uncompromisingly Jensen played in the FA Cup final at Wembley, it will be interesting to see how he will respond today to the challenge of Keane, if United's £3.75 million purchase from Nottingham Forest takes the field.

Graham scornfully laughed at the suggestion that he should ever allow the other team's stars to shine. It should be remembered that stars help pay everybody's wages.

Graham recalled yesterday that a year or two ago he and Ferguson had a discussion in which he suggested to his rival that he ought to concentrate more on the soundness of his defence; that Arsenal's 18 goals conceded at that time — "too many!" — was a lesson in efficiency. Ferguson may have gone out and spent £2.3 million on Pallister (who he might have signed earlier for a quarter of that), plus Irwin and Parker. Yet since then United are conspicuous for having bought, other than Schmeichel, creative players such as Ince, Kanchelskis, Dublin, Cantona and now Keane.

It is strange the ways managers develop. Graham, like Don Revie, was a creative stroller in midfield yet as manager wants nothing less than armour-plated performers. Ferguson, a relatively crude centre forward, spends all week on that elusive task of trying to instill refinement that may or may not become apparent on Saturday afternoon. Looking at the two men yesterday it was strange to find oneself believing that Ferguson, of two men bred a dozen miles apart and so much more outwardly the Glaswegian toughie, is actually the romantic, Graham the pragmatist.

Their attitudes will colour today, and the rest of the season. Graham has been working hard, he says, to teach Wright some self-discipline. He also said that the best thing for the game this season would be the success of the national — English! — team. That, and self-discipline by Wright, could go together.

POSSIBLE TEAMS FOR WEMBLEY

ARSENAL	MANCHESTER UNITED
D Seaman	P Schmeichel
L Dixon	P Parker
A Linighan or M Keown	S Bruce
A Adams	G Pallister
N Winterburn	D Irwin
J Jensen	P Ince
P Davis	B Robson or R Keane
P Merson or A Limpar	
K Campbell	A Kanchelskis
I Wright	E Cantona or B McClair
A Smith	M Hughes
	R Giggs

Boardman likely to have edge in fitness

BY PETER BRYAN

CHRIS Boardman and Graeme Obree, the men of the one-hour track cycling record, will have their first meeting tomorrow since the Olympic champion set a new best distance only six days after Obree had improved Francesco Moser's "unbeatable" record of 51.171 kilometres.

Possibly no more than 500 spectators will watch this duel of champions along the Portaferry coast road on the Newtownards peninsular in Northern Ireland, as they contest the "race of truth", a 25-mile time trial, for the third time.

The score stands at one all. Obree was the first to win in 1990 but Boardman, Olympic pursuit champion in Barcelona, was the fastest man a year later.

Boardman and Obree will spearhead Britain's attempt to win the world 4,000 metres pursuit championship on the new, indoor 250 metres track at Hamar, Norway, later this month, although neither was present at the national squad's three-day training session in Edinburgh this week.

Boardman, who had led his North Wirral Velo squad to victory in the national team pursuit championship a few days earlier, was given leave of absence. Obree was excused, with some reluctance, by national coach Doug Dailey, to compete in Denmark.

Obree, who followed two attempts on the hour record in 24 hours by winning the British individual pursuit title at Leicester, is beginning to give an impression of tiredness. Boardman, on the other hand, relaxed after his world best of 52.270 kilometres in Bordeaux and refused lucrative racing engagements abroad, returning home to settle down to make the world pursuit title his priority.

Triumphant Gunnell wary of woman from nowhere

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN MONTE CARLO

WHEN Sally Gunnell left Zurich on Thursday, after her last race before the world championships, she did so with a footnote about her main challengers for the 400 metres hurdles gold medal in Stuttgart a fortnight later.

"Who are they?" She said in response to the question: "Farmer-Patrick and Ledovskaya, and if I had to say which one worries me more I would say Ledovskaya. In the 1991 world championships she came from nowhere to beat me and she has been nowhere this year." Nowhere, that is, until now.

Tatyana Ledovskaya, of Belorus, has not been seen on the international circuit all summer and, if she has raced at home, her results are known only to a few. But her name has appeared on the start sheet for the grand prix meeting here this evening.

Even though Monte Carlo holds fond memories for Gunnell — she stepped up to world class with a British record two years ago — she has passed on competing tonight. Instead she will have to rely on television from her Swiss retreat, where she is fine tuning and away from interruptions, to see how Ledovskaya is shaping up. Provided she turns up.

British interest will centre on Tony Jarrett and John Regis. Jarrett competes in the 110 metres hurdles against the bulk of the field from Zurich. Jarrett, world bronze medal winner two years ago, needs to look sharper than of late if he is to prevail over those who were laughed at by Jackson.

After watching the Zurich race on television, Jackson said: "If they are supposed to be the next best hurdlers in the world, they are a long way behind me. I laugh when I see performances like that." They include Tony Dees and Jack Pierce, the Olympic silver and bronze medal winners.

Regis can measure his prospects for Stuttgart against Carl Lewis. Although Lewis has lost all his six 100 metres races this season, he clocked 19.99sec to win the 200 metres in Lausanne recently.

Yesterday Lewis called on the International Amateur Athletic Federation to introduce a wild-card system whereby all world champions should be invited to defend their titles. Other athletes who, on form, might "dramatically affect the outcome of the final" should be invited too, Lewis said.

Sitting next to him was Leroy Burrell, his United States compatriot, who will be absent from the 100 metres at the world championships while other, much slower, athletes are included from countries where qualifying is relatively easy.

"Why do we continue with a system where the best athletes are not there?" Lewis said. Lewis missed the Olympic 100 metres last year because he failed to make the US team. "Here we go again," he added, with reference to Burrell, conqueror of Linford Christie in Zurich.

Curtis Robb, last in the Zurich 800 metres, has withdrawn from a British League race today and is waiting for a call from Seb Coe. He is seeking Coe's advice on how best to combine racing the circuit with peaking for championships and training in between. "It would be a waste of our middle distance tradition if I did not speak to him," Robb said.

Haas eager to re-sign Mansell

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN LOUDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ON THE shores of Lake Winniesaukee, amid the pines and gleaming white wooden holiday homes that characterise this part of New England, Carl Haas sits in his hotel lobby, nibbles one of his trademark cigars and talks about motor racing, Nigel Mansell and the future.

As Mansell goes from triumph to triumph, increasing his earning power with performances like the one he produced to win the Michigan 500 last week, speculation about his whereabouts next season has reached fever pitch.

Mansell was second fastest (165.771mph) in morning practice yesterday, behind Raul Boesel, of Brazil, (167.310mph) for tomorrow's New England 200 at a pristine new one-mile oval here. Haas said he was optimistic the Briton would again be racing with the team he co-owns with the film star, Paul Newman, next season and laughed off recent suggestions that Mansell's teammate, Mario Andretti, was trying to oust him to facilitate the return of his son, Michael, from Formula One.

That suggestion, in some British newspapers, has apparently left Andretti considering legal action, and Haas said: "Mario does not have that sort of influence. Anyway, he does not want any controversy like that. It is ridiculous.

"I don't really want to talk about the situation with Nigel, but we are still in discussions and we are hoping he and Mario will be racing with us next year. I don't really think there is any team for Nigel to go to in Formula One."

Mansell arrived here on Thursday, enthusing about the beauty of the area, complaining of a stomach upset and stressing his continuing distrust of ovals. He leads the championship by 18 points from Emerson Fittipaldi with six races to go, and is among the favourites to win here.

He won on his last appearance on a one-mile oval at Milwaukee in June, but only after several cars ahead of him crashed out. "I think my adjustment to ovals was very slow," he said yesterday. "Although I've won on them twice this year, I am not comfortable with them. I do not know how anyone can be."

Marwood signing swells Barnet ranks

Chapman: going south

BY PETER BALL

BRIAN Marwood, the former Arsenal and England winger and chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association, yesterday signed for Barnet before adding a cautionary word during the Premier League's orgy of self-congratulations for the start of the new Premier League season.

"It has been an exciting time," Marwood admitted, "but we have 3,500 members and it was noticeable that this summer ten per cent of them were looking for clubs, while below the Premier League more clubs are in need of financial help."

Marwood can speak from personal experience, becoming Gary Phillips's first signing for Barnet, who were in serious financial difficulties for the summer, with unpaid wages resulting in a series of players, including their prolific forward, Gary Bull, being released. Marwood yesterday became their sixth player under contract.

The Premier League is going some way to help the clubs it left behind, agreeing to pay the Football Trust £2 million a year towards ground improvements. Rick Parry, the chief executive, also yesterday promised that with one season under its belt the league was now preparing for progress, with ground improvements, youth training and refereeing part of a three-pronged attack.

Other players to find new clubs yesterday included Lee Chapman, the Leeds United forward, and David Tuttle, the Tottenham Hotspur centre half. Chapman ended a week of speculation by agreeing to join Portsmouth for £250,000. Tuttle signed for Sheffield United for £350,000, with a further £100,000 due after a number of appearances.

Istvan Kozma, Liverpool's Hungarian midfield player, has joined the Budapest club, Ujpesti TE. He played only nine senior games at Anfield.

Fraser bowls with all his old fire and vigour

BY JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (second day of four): Leicestershire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 393 runs behind Middlesex

IT WAS another day for batsmen until Angus Fraser came on the scene. Middlesex took their overnight score of 352 to 551 for five before declaring and the dominance of bat over ball seemed complete. Enter Fraser, bowling with all his old fire and vigour and suddenly the game was turned on its head.

Fraser took seven for 40 from 17 consecutive overs as Leicestershire were bowled out for 114. It was the best return of his career.

It was not so much the fact of Leicestershire's collapse after a day and a half in the field which excited everyone present and had the Lord's crowd roaring him on. It was the sight of a giant awakened and suddenly believing in himself. The old nip was back and there was movement, sharp and often away from the right-hander.

Not for three years, almost to the day, had Fraser taken five wickets or more in an innings. If he can sustain this return to his old zest and capability, it will be good news indeed, not only for Middlesex who have kept faith ever since his hip injury first affected him, but for England.

According to Nigel Briers, the Leicestershire captain, who, for a time, was at the sharp end, this was a Fraser back to somewhere near his best. There was life and there was bounce such as nobody had achieved on this hitherto benign pitch.

Suddenly, it was a different game. Leicestershire were overwhelmed. With 15 overs of the day remaining, they were following on 437 runs behind.

It is greatly to be hoped that this performance will trigger a new phase in Fraser's career. Just what sparked him off yesterday is anybody's guess.

Certainly, the encouragement of a wicket with the last ball of his second over as Boon was caught at backward point, was a spur. Fraser followed with the wickets of Whitaker, who lost his off stump, and then Briers with the aid of a brilliant catch by Carr at second slip, again the last ball of the over — this time Fraser's fourth and fifth — proved fatal. The big man was off and running and only Wells, who fell to Feltham at the other end, played him with anything approaching confidence.

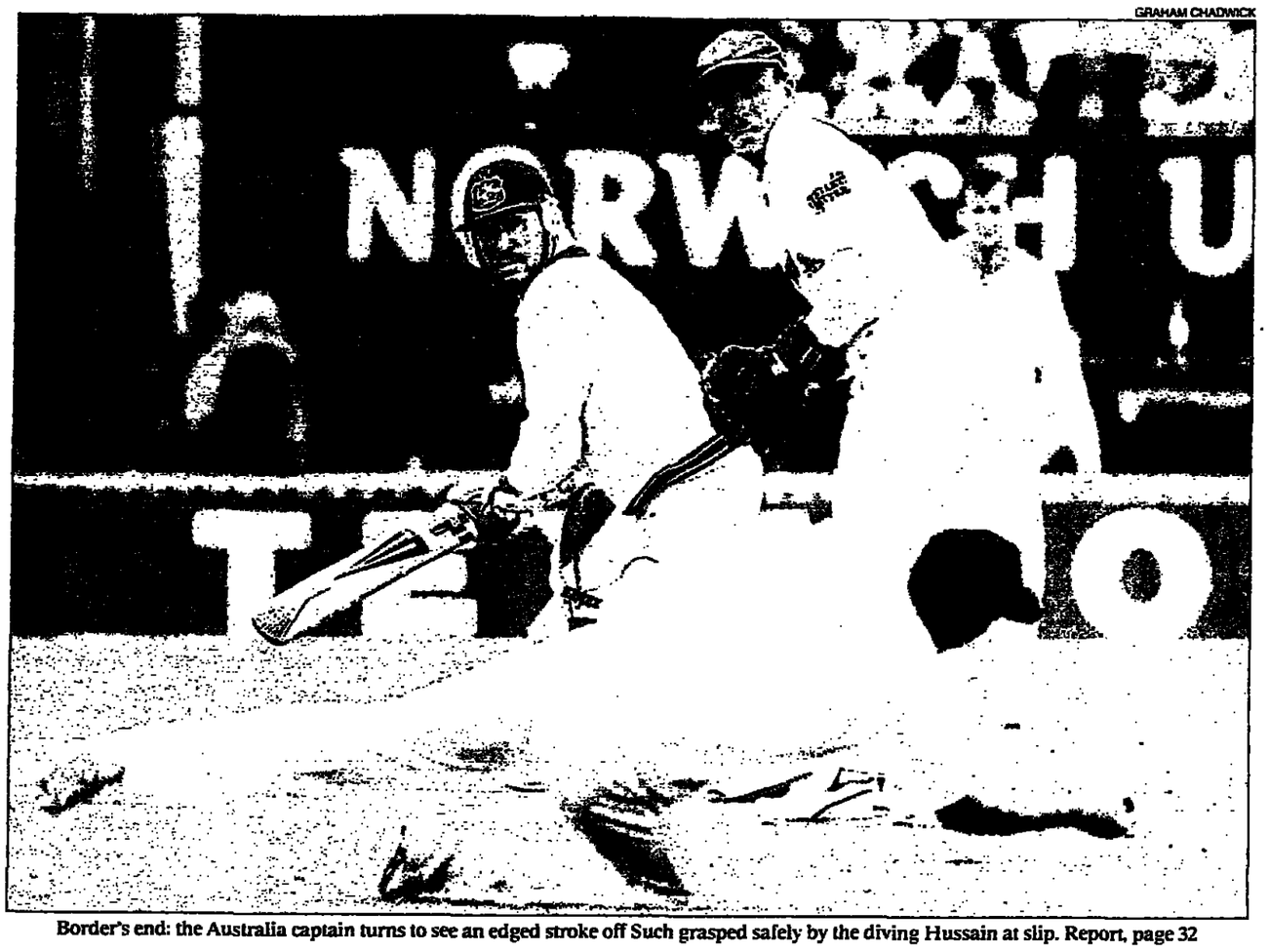
Feltham played an impressive supporting role as Leicestershire tumbled and he it was who removed Boon in Leicestershire's second innings to complete a momentous day for Middlesex, not only in terms of the enhancement of their 1993 championship prospects.

Feltham had also batted pleasantly during the last few overs of Middlesex's mammoth innings. But the partnership of 98 between Carr and Ramprakash was the dynamic at the centre of Middlesex being able to add 199 from the 54 overs they faced yesterday before leaving Leicestershire facing a mountain.

The Leicestershire bowlers had been able to coax nothing from the pitch, which made Fraser's effort all the more astonishing. Benjamin, their most potentially dangerous bowler, was seldom used; considerably less, in fact, than on Thursday when despite being obviously present, he inadvertently appeared in yesterday's column as being absent throughout. Then he wheeled his way through 16 overs before retiring at tea time; now his malady apparently lingered on.

The bulk of the work fell upon Millns, Wells and Potter who each went for 100, while Parsons and Pierson also did their share. There was no respite. Roseberry perished early during a lively and accurate opening spell by Millns with the second new ball but then Ramprakash and Carr prospered.

GRAHAM CHADWICK



Border's end: the Australia captain turns to see an edged stroke off Such grasped safely by the diving Hussain at slip. Report, page 32

Alleyne brings comfort

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

CHELTENHAM (second day of four): Gloucestershire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 21 runs ahead of Lancashire

THESE are the dog days of summer. Moderate batsmen occupy the crease all day as bowlers toil in a somnolent atmosphere. No matter; when Quinn the Eskimo gets there, everybody's going to jump for joy.

If a simple image can ever summarise a day, DeFreitas supplied it yesterday when he watched Russell push a short ball to the cover boundary and pulled up in self-disgust, or was it disbelief? No amount of pouting can ever prevent four-balls ending up by the ropes.

It says a lot about Lancashire's overall performance that Gloucestershire, the rubbing rags of the championship this year, have played the better cricket. Half centuries of contrasting character by Hancock and Alleyne, allied to one by Hinks, enables them to carry a slender lead into the third day.

Alleyne has made 69 so far in 67 overs, a tortured innings which might nevertheless prove significant should Walsh bend his back today. Before he does so, he also has runs to add when he resumes this morning with the bat.

To say Lancashire's bowling lacked distinction is to do them a kindness. Wasim, palpably less than fit, left the field after being stung by a wasp. Barnett pushed his left arm spin through too quickly and Austin, a fourth seamer preferred to a second spinner, lacked penetration and economy.

Then there was DeFreitas. In 11 overs after lunch, he bowled half-decently, as a (comparatively) highly-paid bowler of his experience should. Aided by catches at the wicket and in the slips, he removed Dawson, Broad without scoring, and Hinks.

His team-mates would prefer that level of interest being expressed more frequently. DeFreitas has taken 193 championship wickets in five years at the club, at an average of 30. In four years with Leicestershire, he took 208 wickets at 23. Those facts do not mean everything, but they suggest something — that he has never punched his weight.

Hancock's partnership with Alleyne, which realised 107 for the fifth wicket, was the important one. He struck ten boundaries in his 59, achieving a fluency that was beyond his partner. In their pinched circumstances, Gloucestershire need not worry about that.

Glamorgan close to 21-point collection

GLAMORGAN will be able to keep the 21 points which they will earn if they succeed in beating Warwickshire today. Although the Cardiff pitch on which 17 wickets fell on the first day and a further 13 yesterday was deemed "of poor quality" by Harry Brind, the TCCB pitch inspector, he did not rule it unfit for a championship match (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

Glamorgan scented a two-day victory when, after Robert Croft had steered them to a first-innings lead of 111, Darren Thomas and Adrian Dale got to work again reducing Warwickshire to 41 for three. But Jason Ratcliffe and Dermot Reeve cleared off the arrears with a stubborn partnership of 95 and, with Asif Din scoring 66 in his first championship game of the season, Warwickshire rallied to reach 248, but left Glamorgan all the time in the world to score 138 for victory.

Alan Fordham batted six hours 40 minutes for 160, his third championship century of the season, as Northamptonshire built up a useful first innings lead of 84 over Essex at Northampton. Fordham, ninth out at 369, hit a six and 20 fours.

A big hundred, too, for Alan Wells, the Sussex captain, who has made 128 not out of his side's 412 for six against Worcestershire at Hove. Wells built on firm foundations laid by Bill Athey (81), David Smith (58) and Martin Speight (72).

Kevin Evans earned Nottinghamshire a first-innings lead of 76 over Yorkshire at Trent Bridge with a career-best six for 67. Yorkshire, who are retaining Richie Richardson, were bowled out for 240 by an injury-weakened attack.

Ward puts on show for leading Surrey supporter

BY IVO TENNANT

CANTERBURY (second day of four): Kent, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 198 runs behind Surrey

THERE are batsmen who strike the ball with greater freedom than Trevor Ward, but not many. His first championship century of the season has been a while in coming but as with his batting on Sundays, it gladdened all who saw it. And seeing this is Canterbury week, that meant quite a gathering. The prime minister was among them.

Ward began this match averaging 21, needing such an innings, in all an unbeaten 122 of 158 balls, to give the lie to the notion that he is primarily a one-day player.

All this in front of John Major, a Surrey man, who moved deftly between the High Sheriff's tent and being entertained by something called the Parliamentary Monitoring Services, pressing the flesh but rarely missing a ball.

This was just as well since Ward took seven of the nine fours in his first 50 runs off Waqar Younis, and dealt summarily with every bowler after that.

Three of those fours came in one over when Waqar was bowling not only with great accuracy but with more pace than anyone else could have worked up on this pitch. In this period Benson was beaten as many times as he looked to leave the ball outside off stump.

Kent chose to send in with him not Ward, but Fulton, making his championship debut. Whether or not this was wise against Waqar was a matter of opinion. It was, however, Benjamin who had him taken at the wicket without scoring.

Benson was bowled by Benjamin immediately after he and Ward had made their second-wicket partnership one of 150 in 32 overs. Thereupon Hooper came in, helmetless, and batted with that easy elegance they like to see in the tents here. Ward and Hooper added 100 in 17 overs and not even Waqar could do anything to prevent that.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Middlesex v Leicestershire

LORD'S *(second day of four) Leicestershire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, need 344 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Middlesex*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

D L Haynes lbw b Parsons	20
M A Roseberry c Benjamin b Millns	185
*M W Gatting c Whitaker b Pierson	121
M R Ramprakash b Potter	83
J D Carr not out	74
†K R Brown c Nixon b Wells	24
M A Feltham not out	32
Extras (lb 10, nb 2)	12
Total (5 wkts dec)	551

Score at 120 overs: 372-3.

K P Dutch, N F Williams, A R C Fraser and P C R Tufnell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-286, 3-372, 4-470, 5-507.

BOWLING: Benjamin 22-6-48-0, Millns 26-8-108-1; Parsons 32-6-79-1, Wells 26.4-5-113-1; Potter 30-4-111-1; Pierson 27-5-82-1.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Ramprakash b Fraser	9
*N E Briers c Carr b Fraser	18
J J Whitaker b Fraser	6
V J Wells lbw b Feltham	30
P E Robinson c Carr b Fraser	14
L Potter c Brown b Fraser	2
†P A Nixon c Dutch b Fraser	5
W K M Benjamin c Ramprakash b Fraser	5
G J Parsons lbw b Feltham	14
A R K Pierson b Feltham	1
D J Millns not out	0
Extras (lb 2, nb 8)	10
Total (34.2 overs)	114

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-27, 3-36, 4-80, 5-88, 6-88, 7-94, 8-113, 9-113.

BOWLING: Williams 10-1-48-0, Fraser 17-4-40-7, Feltham 7.2-1-24-3

Second Innings

T J Boon lbw b Feltham	2
N E Briers not out	20
J J Whitaker not out	22
Extras	0
Total (1 wkt)	44

FALL OF WICKET: 1-2.

BOWLING: Feltham 2-0-8-1; Fraser 2-0-9-0; Tufnell 5-0-10-0; Dutch 4-1-17-0.

Bonus points: Middlesex 8, Leicestershire 1.

Umpires: J D Bond and B Leadbeater.

Gloucestershire v Lancashire

CHELTENHAM *(second day of four). Gloucestershire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 21 runs ahead of Lancashire*

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 294 (G D Mendis 81, W K Hegg 59)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G D Hodgson c Hegg b Barnett	38
S G Hinks c Lloyd b DeFreitas	64
R I Dawson c Hegg b DeFreitas	13
B C Broad c Fairbrother b DeFreitas	0
M W Alleyne not out	69
T H C Hancock c Crawley b Wasim	59
†R C Russell b Barnett	22
M Davies c Hegg b Wasim	1
*C A Walsh not out	8
Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 2, nb 26)	41
Total (7 wkts, 106 overs)	315

A M Babington and K E Cooper to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 2-116, 3-120, 4-131, 5-238, 6-293, 7-308.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 25-5-58-2; DeFreitas 24-7-59-3, Austin 15-0-60-0, Martin 17-1-48-0, Barnett 25-4-78-2.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 7, Lancashire 5.

Umpires: B Dudleston and M J Kitchen.

Kent v Surrey

CANTERBURY *(second day of four). Kent, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 198 runs behind Surrey*

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell lbw b Penn	119
P D Atkins c Fulton b Eatham	6
D M Ward c Marsh b Penn	61
*M A Lynch c Ward b Hooper	24
A D Brown b Penn	141
A W Smith b Penn	21
†G J Kersey c Ward b Eatham	31
N M Kendrick c Hooper b Eatham	32
Waqar Younis c and b Hooper	11
J E Benjamin c Ward b Eatham	0
A J Murphy not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 10, nb 4)	18
Total	464

Score at 120 overs: 383-5.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-109, 3-146, 4-334, 5-382, 6-397, 7-453, 8-460, 9-480.

BOWLING: Penn 43-7-121-4; Eatham 30-3-100-4; Fleming 34-8-81-0; Patel 19-3-63-0; Hooper 33-7-73-2, Llong 3-0-12-0

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton c Kersey b Benjamin	0
*M R Benson b Benjamin	61
T R Ward not out	122
C L Hooper not out	55
Extras (b 6, lb 3, w 1, nb 18)	28
Total (2 wkts, 55 overs)	266

N J Llong, N R Taylor, M V Fleming, †S A Marsh, M A Ealham, C Penn and M M Patel to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-153

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 13-1-71-0; Benjamin 12-2-54-2, Murphy 18-4-60-0; Kendrick 10-0-41-0; Smith 2-0-21-0.

Bonus points: Kent 4, Surrey 4.

Umpires: V A Holder and A A Jones.

Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire

TRENT BRIDGE *(second day of four). Nottinghamshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 78 runs ahead of Yorkshire*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 316 (C L Cairns 92, W A Dessaur 62)

Second Innings

P R Pollard b Stemp	0
M Saxelby not out	1
B N French not out	1
Extras	0
Total (1 wkt)	2

FALL OF WICKET: 1-1.

BOWLING: Gough 2-2-0-0; Stemp 1-0-2-1.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M G Moxon c Pollard b Afford	41
A P Grayson c French b Evans	22
R B Richardson c Lewis b Evans	38
D Byas c Afford b Evans	0
†R J Blakey c French b Afford	41
C White not out	45
P J Hartley c sub b Evans	21
D Gough lbw b Lewis	3
R D Stemp c French b Lewis	1
J D Batty c Robinson b Evans	7
M A Robinson b Evans	0
Extras (lb 4, nb 16)	20
Total (118 overs)	240

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63, 2-69, 3-69, 4-141, 5-159, 6-196, 7-207, 8-223, 9-240.

BOWLING: Cairns 4-1-6-0; Evans 33-10-67-6, Lewis 31-9-69-2; Afford 50-18-94-2.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 7, Yorkshire 5

Umpires: D J Constant and J W Holder.

Durham v Derbyshire

DURHAM UNIVERSITY *(second day of four; Derbyshire won toss): Durham, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 315 runs behind Derbyshire*

Fordham: 160 patient runs against Essex

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

P D Bowler c Larkins b Brown	17
J E Morris c Cummins b Bainbridge	45
*C J Adams c Fowler b Brown	0
A S Rollins c Graveney b Brown	52
I G S Slear c Graveney b Bainbridge	0
M J Vandrau lbw b Graveney	8
F A Griffith c Scott b Cummins	56
†K M Krikken c Bainbridge b Brown	10
S J Base c Berry b Graveney	26
R W Sladdin not out	51
O H Mortensen c Larkins b Berry	29
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 22)	28
Total (101.1 overs)	322

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-55, 3-99, 4-99, 5-110, 6-192, 7-214, 8-218, 9-256.

BOWLING: Cummins 24-3-107-1; Brown 25-8-68-4; Lugsden 14-1-42-0; Bainbridge 13-4-43-2; Graveney 22-9-53-2; Berry 3.1-1-4-1.

DURHAM: First Innings

G Fowler not out	4
W Larkins not out	3
Extras	0
Total (no wkt, 5 overs)	7

P W G Parker, S Hutton, P Bainbridge, A C Cummins, †C W Scott, P J Berry, *D A Graveney, S J E Brown and S Lugsden to bat.

BOWLING: Mortensen 3-1-3-0; Base 2-0-4-0

Bonus points: Durham 4, Derbyshire 3.

Umpires: H D Bird and R A White.

Sussex v Worcestershire

HOVE *(second day of four): Sussex, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 159 runs ahead of Worcestershire*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 253 (T S Curtis 107, M J Weston 51)

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Hick b Tolley	20
C W J Athey b Lampitt	61
D M Smith c Rhodes b Weston	58
*A P Wells not out	128
M P Speight c Curtis b Tolley	72
J A North c Leatherdale b Newport	3
†P Moores c Rhodes b Hick	8
I D K Salisbury not out	18
Extras (b 4, lb 15, w 1, nb 4)	24
Total (6 wkts)	412

Score at 120 overs: 363-5

D R Law, E E Hemmings and E S H Giddins to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-164, 3-213, 4-340, 5-343, 6-366

BOWLING: Benjamin 18-3-65-0; Tolley 33-8-83-2; Newport 28-6-81-1; Illingworth 17-5-49-0; Lampitt 17-3-48-1; Hick 12-4-39-1; Weston 8-4-15-1, D'Oliveira 2-0-13-0.

Bonus points: Sussex 8, Worcestershire 4

Umpires: G A Stickley and P B Wight.

Glamorgan v Warwickshire

CARDIFF *(second day of four): Glamorgan, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 138 runs to beat Warwickshire*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 125 (A Dale 6-18, S D Thomas 4-49)

Second Innings

A J Moles c Watkin b Thomas	0
J D Ratcliffe c Richards b Dale	68
D P Ostler c Metson b Thomas	9
T L Penney b Lefebvre	13
D A Reeve c sub b Watkin	57
Asif Din b Dale	66
P A Smith c sub b Thomas	3
K J Piper lbw b Lefebvre	16
P A Booth c Dale b Watkin	1
G C Small not out	6
M A V Bell b Watkin	0
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 4)	9
Total	248

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-15, 3-41, 4-136, 5-174, 6-190, 7-220, 8-235, 9-247

BOWLING: Watkin 25.4-1-84-3, Thomas 17-2-57-3; Lefebvre 24-8-52-2; Dale 25-5-59-2; Croft 4-1-11-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James lbw b Small	0
*H Morris c Ostler b Bell	18
A Dale c Piper b Bell	30
I V A Richards lbw b Bell	26
P A Cottey c Booth b Smith	8
R D B Croft c Penney b Smith	54
†C P Metson c Ratcliffe b Smith	0
R P Lefebvre b Bell	40
D L Hemp retired ill	0
S D Thomas c Ratcliffe b Bell	5
S L Watkin not out	2
Extras (b 9, lb 7, w 1, nb 36)	53
Total (65.5 overs)	194

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-48, 3-73, 4-91, 5-99, 6-111, 7-194, 8-228, 9-236.

BOWLING: Small 14-0-53-1; Bell 23-2-86-5; Reeve 15-8-22-0; Smith 12.5-0-59-3.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 4, Warwickshire 4.

Umpires: G I Burgess and G Sharp.

Northamptonshire v Essex

NORTHAMPTON *(second day of four). Essex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 66 runs behind Northamptonshire*

ESSEX: First Innings 286 (J P Stephenson 95, P J Prichard 61; C E L Ambrose 4-35)

Second Innings

N V Knight c Loye b Ambrose	10
J P Stephenson not out	8
Extras	0
Total (1 wkt)	18

FALL OF WICKET: 1-18.

BOWLING: Ambrose 3.4-0-12-1, Taylor 3-1-6-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham lbw b Topley	160
N A Felton c Shahid b Topley	7
†D Ripley b Stephenson	22
R J Bailey lbw b Stephenson	14
*A J Lamb c Andrew b Childs	52
M B Loye st Garnham b Childs	21
R J Warren lbw b Childs	0
K M Curran c Andrew b Pringle	35
A L Penberthy c Stephenson b Pringle	0
C E L Ambrose not out	21
J P Taylor b Pringle	0
Extras (lb 9, nb 28)	37
Total (112.5 overs)	370

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-68, 3-104, 4-180, 5-244, 6-250, 7-317, 8-317, 9-369.

BOWLING: Andrew 21-1-91-0; Pringle 30.5-8-71-3, Topley 24-4-52-2; Stephenson 19-3-55-2, Childs 18-3-52-3

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 8, Essex 5.

Umpires: B J Meyer and D O Oslear.

Test match

COLOMBO. Sri Lanka 351 (P A de Silva 148, A P Gurusinha 56, H P Tillekeratne 51); India 84 for no wkt: rest day.

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Old Trafford: Nottinghamshire 178 (G F Archer 52, N A Derbyshire 5-26) and 270-4 dec (M A Crawley 114 not, K P T Thomas 76). Lancashire 218-7 dec (S P Titchard 98, S D Fletcher 61 not out) and 100-3. Match drawn

Horsham: Sussex 326 (K Newell 114, J W Dean 61, B T P Donelan 55, J M Deakin 4-74) and 96-8 dec (S Atkinson 4-33). Leicestershire 202 (Deakin 55) and 223-4 (D L Maddy 100) Leicestershire won by 6 wkts.

Bristol: Derbyshire 255 (G R Hill 91, P R Whitaker 69, A M Smith 4-54) and 310-4 dec (T J G O'Gorman 108 not out, G M Pooley 100 not out). Gloucestershire 308-3 dec (A J Wright 101 not out, R C Williams 60 not out, Z A Sher 59) and 231-7 (Wright 81, Williams 64). Match drawn.

Maidstone: Kent 193 (D J Spencer 66) and 348 (G R Cowdrey 111, J I Longley 63, S C Willis 55, D J Spencer 58; H R J Trump 4-106, A Cottam 4-86) Somerset 500-6 dec (A Hayhurst 181, M E Trescothick 99, I Fletcher 92) and 43-0 Somerset won by 10 wkts.

Barnt Green: Durham 250-6 dec and 235-5 dec (A R Fothergill 59 not out). Worcestershire 201-4 dec and 230-8 (V S Solanki 82). Match drawn.

Moseley: Glamorgan 189 (R O Jones 83 not out) and 187 (A Jones 52; P Aldred 6-47). Warwickshire 247-7 dec (P C L Holloway 63, R G Twose 56, O T Parkin 4-43) and 130-3 (R G Twose 60) Warwickshire won by 7 wkts.

Chelmsford: Essex 328-4 dec (M Dilwan 99 not out, G Khan 74, P Ayres 65 not out, D D J Robinson 54) and 222-8 dec (D D J Robinson 60, M Dilwan 58, M Keech 5-28). Middlesex 253-5 dec (T A Radford 91 not out, M Keech 81 not out) and 227 (Atsib Habib 78 not out, P Farbrace 53; M Powell 7-71) Essex won by 70 runs

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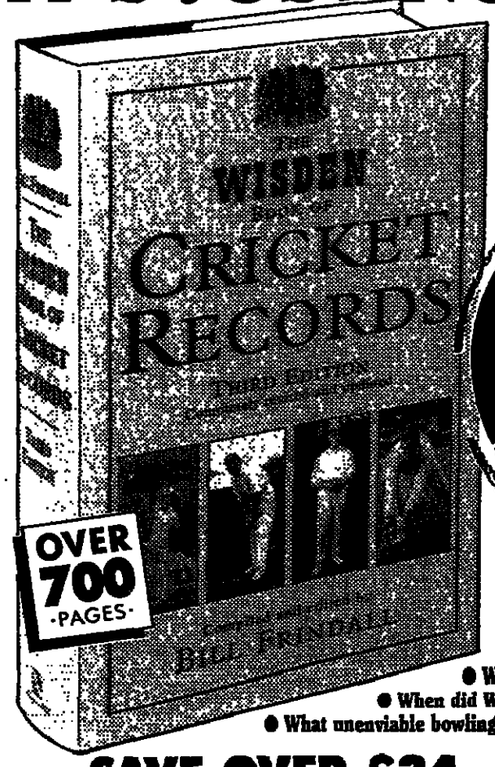

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Missed stumping by Stewart lets Australia off hook as Waugh brothers take toll

England allow rare chance to evade grasp

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

EDGBASTON (second day of five): Australia, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 18 runs behind England

SHORTLY after lunch yesterday, England reached for the forbidden fruit and found it was poisoned. For only the second time in the 22-day duration of this Ashes series, the Australians were in retreat, four wickets gone cheaply on a turning pitch. One more and England would have begun to believe their turn had really come. Instead, with one fateful fumble, the match changed course.

Steve Waugh, the last of the specialist batsmen, was facing only his second ball when Peter Such defeated his walking defensive stroke and Alec Stewart spurned the stumping chance. Australia might then have been 80 for five in reply to England's 276, but they banked the reprieve as an unexpected windfall and lived off the interest.

The highest partnership of this fifth Cornhill Test was 80 until the Waugh brothers came together. It is almost double that now. Mark Waugh made his first century of the series and it looked a different game whenever he was on strike; if his twin has not made it seem so ridiculously simple, he has survived through his native stoicism and increased his series average to an improbable 184.

Graham Gooch's time as England captain was a catalogue of if-onlys and Atherton has already begun to emulate him. The new man could not remotely be blamed for the failure to capitalise on a position of rare promise, for he kept the four bowlers available to him rotating busily. He would have liked an extra bowler and would certainly have profited from having Steve Watkin at his disposal, but he was clear of purpose and evidently comfortable in command. If just one precious break had gone his way he might this morning have been acclaimed a national saviour.

Atherton was leading out his team for the first time earlier than he would have liked. The last-wicket stand, which England had hoped might somehow carry them to the high ground of 300, did not add a single run when play resumed. Mark Ilott nudged the fifth ball of the morning to the wicketkeeper, giving Paul Reiffel his sixth wicket.

Spin was employed after 11 overs and the reaction of the Australian openers formed a stark contrast. Michael Slater, as ever, refused to be inhibited but Mark Taylor became a crease-bound recluse, only one run to his name with 15 overs bowled. Slater, however, perished for his impatience, getting into a tangle as Such found appreciable turn and conveying the ball to short-leg off bat, pad and body.

Emburey was summoned immediately and, in his second over, he added to the tally of Test wickets that he must privately have believed would forever be frozen on 144. As the victim was David Boon, leg-before for nought having made a century in the first innings of the previous three Tests, Emburey's was now shaping up into one of the most romantic of all comebacks. That the vision fell away in the second half of the day was evidence of his bowling too short, sometimes too wide, on a pitch too slow for such liberties.

During England's purple hour, either side of lunch, all things seemed possible. Such believed he had dismissed Mark Waugh fifth ball, before he had scored, but the catch claimed at slip by Nasser Hussain was ruled out by umpire David Shepherd.

Four overs into the afternoon session, Taylor donated his wicket to the England cause, calling for a second run after sweeping Emburey to long-leg and finding he had underestimated Matthew Maynard's arm. It was a photo-finish of the sort that the naked eye could not possibly nominate with certainty but umpire Shepherd, calling upon the television replay, was able to get the decision right and further justify the third umpire system.

No adjudication was needed for the next wicket, only admiration. It was the classic off-spinner's dismissal of a left-hander, Such drawing Allan Border forward, taking the outside edge with marginal turn and seeing Hussain plunge low to his right at slip to pluck the catch one-handed.

Two balls later the capacity crowd exploded with a two-tone roar, triumph giving way instantly to deflation as the stumping which may be seen to have turned this match eluded Stewart's gloves and hit him on the chest. It was by no means easy and we shall never know if Jack Russell would have taken the chance. What is for certain is that England have sinned unforgivably by including two spin bowlers and omitting their best wicketkeeper.

Atherton sensibly tested Steve Waugh's weakness against the short ball by recalling Bicknell, who made up in aggression what he lacks in sheer pace. Batsman and bowler had an interesting exchange of views after a volley of rising deliveries but no wickets resulted and Mark Waugh continued to work the ball sublimely through the on-side gaps.

The brothers once put on 464 together for New South Wales. England were beginning to fear they had something similar in mind when Mark flipped Ilott to backward square-leg after a four-hour stay which made a mockery of everyone else's toils and left Australia with a narrow, though far from decisive advantage.

Photograph, page 31
Middlesex dominate, page 31

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Pulling power: Mark Waugh hits out at Bicknell's bowling during his century at Edgbaston yesterday

Seldom in same place for long

John Woodcock on how Michael Atherton coped on his first day in the field as captain of England

BATTING comes as second nature to the Waugh twins, who checked England's advance yesterday. They were able too, to put to advantage their experience, gained on their home ground of Sydney, Australia's nearest equivalent to the Edgbaston pitch, of playing a turning ball. To England and their new captain it was infinitely frustrating, knowing how near they were to a vital break.

Atherton conducted operations undemonstratively, quite imaginatively and peripatetically, though with the ball prepared to swing. I was sorry he did not give Gooch an over or two.

Mid-off, because of its proximity to the bowler, and slip are the positions most often favoured by captains, with those who can catch well enough and have the eye for it mostly preferring to be at slip.

Tactics can be discussed there without play being held up and Atherton has let it be known that he sees Alec Stewart, his wicketkeeper and No. 2, as playing an important consultative role.

Yesterday, though, Atherton was seldom in the same place for long. After starting at third slip to Bicknell, he was to be seen, at different times, at square leg (close to the umpire), at mid-wicket (saving the single), at extra cover, at silly mid-off, at square cover point, at deep forward short leg, at wide backward short leg (or leg gully, as the Australians will call it), in the gully as we know it, and at mid-off.

Wally Hammond, Len Hutton, Colin Cowdrey, Bobby Simpson, Ian and Greg Chappell, Gary Sobers, Sunil Gavaskar and Viv Richards, captains all, were rarely out of the slips, and Mike Brearley used to like to go there so as to be near to Ian Botham, either to gee him up or sound him out.

Of Allan Border's 146 Test catches, the great majority must have been taken at slip. So have most of Graham Gooch's 97, although recently, as the catches have begun to elude him there, he has moved out into the field.

Richie Richardson, another brilliant slip catcher, has done the same now that he is leading West Indies, partly, I think, because he finds it easier to concentrate on his own. It is the added concentration which the captaincy required of him that did more than anything to undermine Wasim Akram's performance in the field, most of all as a bowler, when he led Pakistan in the West Indies earlier this year. He found it overwhelmingly demanding.

But Atherton does no bowling to speak of, and he may see the captaincy, again rather as Brearley did, as an intellectual challenge, something less likely to have applied to any of the others I have mentioned.

The stumping chance on which yesterday's play turned looked an awfully difficult one to me.

Stephen Waugh made the ball into a yorker, or the next best thing, as he went down the pitch, and the ball could even have hit the bat on the way through. Hussain had just held a lovely catch at slip to get rid of Border, and Taylor been run out by a sizzling return from Maynard.

These two do wonders for the England fielding. They are such all-rounders that Atherton could put them anywhere without a qualm.

The Taylor run-out had shown the slow-motion replay and the reference to a third umpire to its best advantage.

The margin was close enough for David Shepherd, standing at square leg, to be unsure whether Taylor was in or out. The picture made it absolutely clear that he was out, if only by three or four inches.

Sir Bernard Lovell, of Jodrell Bank fame, believes that it should be possible one day to establish, by technology, whether a leg-before is out, and also a catch at the wicket.

Heaven preserve us, though, from a robot in a white coat.

Simon Barnes, page 7

EDGBASTON SCOREBOARD

England won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings

	6s	4s	Min	Balls
G A Gooch c Taylor b Reiffel — 8	—	—	24	20
Followed outswinger, edge to first slip				
*M A Atherton b Reiffel — 72	—	9	192	157
Playing back to ball that kept low				
R A Smith b M E Waugh — 21	—	2	67	59
Indecisive shot to short ball moving in				
M P Maynard c S R Waugh b May — 0	—	—	11	9
Playing forward, off glove low to silly point				
†A J Stewart c and b Warne — 45	1	6	81	82
Leading edge straight down pitch				
G P Thorpe c Healy b May — 37	—	6	77	53
Cover drive edged to wicketkeeper				
N Hussain b Reiffel — 3	—	—	8	10
Beaten by late movement off pitch				
J E Emburey not out — 55	1	5	163	152
M P Bicknell c M E Waugh b Reiffel — 14	—	1	66	59
Edged drive to second slip				
P M Such b Reiffel — 1	—	—	2	3
Beaten comprehensively				
M C Ilott c Healy b Reiffel — 3	—	—	25	16
low edge to keeper				
Extras (b 4, lb 6, nb 7) — 17				
Total (366min, 101.5 overs) — 276				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17 (Atherton 7), 2-71 (Atherton 33), 3-76 (Atherton 38), 4-156 (Atherton 72), 5-156 (Thorpe 0), 6-160 (Thorpe 1), 7-215 (Emburey 17), 8-262 (Emburey 45), 9-264 (Emburey 46).

BOWLING: Hughes 19-4-53-0 (nb 1) (6-2-9-0, 4-1-8-0, 3-1-6-0, 1-0-11-0, 5-0-19-0), Reiffel 22.5-3-71-6 (nb 5) (8-0-41-1, 8-2-20-2, 5.5-1-10-3); M E Waugh 15-5-43-1 (nb 3) (11-4-30-1, 4-1-13-0); S R Waugh 5-2-4-0 (one spell); May 19-9-32-2 (9-3-25-1, 10-6-7-1); Warne 21-7-63-1 (12-4-45-1, 8-2-18-0, 1-1-0-0).

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

	6s	4s	Min	Balls
M A Taylor run out (Maynard-Stewart) 19	—	2	121	80
throw from long leg — replay required				
M J Slater c Smith b Such — 22	—	4	72	60
inside edge to short leg				
D C Boon lbw b Emburey — 0	—	—	10	13
beaten by turn				
M E Waugh c Thorpe b Ilott — 137	—	18	240	219
half-volley swung high to square leg				
*A R Border c Hussain b Such — 3	—	—	10	9
low catch to slip's right hand				
S R Waugh not out — 57	—	6	216	159
†I A Healy not out — 12	—	2	23	19
Extras (b 6, lb 1, nb 1) — 8				
Total (5 wkts, 350min, 93 overs) — 258				

M G Hughes, P R Reiffel, S K Warne and T B A May to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34 (Taylor 11), 2-39 (Taylor 13), 3-69 (M Waugh 24), 4-80 (M Waugh 32), 5-233 (S Waugh 47).

BOWLING: Bicknell 20-6-58-0 (nb 1) (9-4-17-0, 4-1-8-0, 3-0-21-0, 4-1-12-0); Ilott 13-3-49-1 (5-2-14-0, 4-1-17-0, 4-0-18-1); Such 31-12-60-2 (22-8-42-2, 1-0-1-0, 7-4-11-0, 1-0-6-0); Emburey 29-5-84-1 (12-2-36-1, 2-0-4-0, 7-2-23-0, 7-1-18-0, 1-0-3-0).

Umpires: J H Hampshire and D R Shepherd.
TV replay umpire: A G T Whitehead. Match referee: C H Lloyd

Gillingham strikes gold for ecstatic British

BY CRAIG LORD

NICK Gillingham retained the 200 metres breaststroke title for a record second time to give Britain its first gold medal of the European championships at Sheffield last night.

His victory came in a championship record of 2min 12.49sec, an improvement of five hundredth of a second, and against the odds. Gillingham, 26, had stood with hands aloft on the starting block before his race to respond to a vocal crowd of about 2,500 that all but filled the aquatic auditorium at Ponds Forge.

He needed their support. Ahead of him were the uncharted waters of a third title and the speed of Karoly Guttler, the Hungarian who had become the first to swim faster than 1min 01sec at 100 metres three days ago.

As expected, it was Guttler, 25, of Budapest, who set the pace, passing the half-way mark a second up on the world record pace of American Mike Barrowman. But Gillingham yet again showed the courage he had proved himself capable of when he took the bronze medal at Barcelona last year.

He tracked his quarry like a predator in search of its first food for many a lean day, turning just behing Guttler all the way but also within world record pace. At the last turn, he heard the roar. "The sheer pleasure of swimming in front of your home crowd was tremendous. The sound coming down that last length was amazing." It was reflected in Gillingham's stroke, which instead of tightening with fatigue as Guttler's did, opened out, fluid and high-floating. Both had worked too hard, though, to do anything but survive and the world record slipped away.

As the national anthem boomed out for the first time at these championships, Gillingham peered at the flag flying high above the altar of a prayer answered. Paul Palmer added to British delight, finishing second ahead of the Olympic champion in the 400 metres freestyle to collect his first senior reward. Palmer, 18, of Lincoln, set a national record of 3min 48.14sec to become the first Briton below 3mins 50sec.

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Palmer's pride, page 28

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High-tech cover-up exposed

The strange wet world of swimming, now gathered together for the European championships in lovely Sheffield, has thrilled to the introduction of a new, revolutionary swimming costume that really does make you go faster. It was reported on these pages a couple of days back that the high-neck high-tech cozzie, which weighs no more than a pair of nylons and has to be black because it is perfectly transparent in other shades, helps you shave vital hundredths from your best time by cutting out the frictions of the passage of water against skin and/or conventional cozzie.

Alas, it is the sad duty of this column to report a significant design flaw. You put the thing on by dragging it over your head and fastening it at the, er, crotch.

Well, poor Daniela Hunger, of Germany, was going well in public practice in her snazzy ultra-light go-faster cozzie when the damn thing sprung apart. The crotch-fastening un-crotch-fastened and left her at a stroke stripped to the waist. Readjustments were made at the cost of disrupting the rhythm of practice; in a race, the dilemma of speed versus modesty would be more costly. Back to the drawing board.

Bunch of fives

Faithful readers will recall the recent story of a bowler from Flackwell Heath cricket club taking five wickets in five balls. Now, impossibly, I hear that a player from the same club has done the same thing. Matthew Ward, playing for Flackwell Heath under-15s, performed this feat against mighty Woodburn Narks. Nor was that the whole story — Ward ended up with seven wickets in eight balls. I send him my sympathies — the rest of his cricketing life will surely seem terribly tame.

SIMON BARNES
Sporting Diary

☐ *Felipe Perrea Urrea, a former Colombian youth cap, and pro footballer aged 26, has just been arrested. Police raided what was later described as his "elegant apartment" in Medellin, the Colombian cocaine capital, and seized 20 military uniforms, machine gun ammunition, pistols, rifles and bomb-making equipment. Eight months ago, his girlfriend was arrested with two men, and various arms and bombs were seized. The two men were later murdered in jail.*

Lowland heights

The British ski-jumping team will be in action on September 3 at the Lowlanders championship in Meinerzhagen, Germany. Ben Freeth, fresh from a recent attack by a hippopotamus on a canoe jaunt, and James Lambert, will challenge and support Alan Jones, the defending champion. An old friend of this column, Dunstan Odeke, will jumping for Uganda.

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Unladylike

It was "unladylike behaviour" that caused Shamim Umarji, of Oxford University, to be banned from bowling in the women's University cricket match. She grunted when she bowled. I read in the latest *Wisden Cricket Monthly*. "I wasn't trying to put our opponents off," she said. "Every time I put 100 per cent effort into a ball, a grunt just slips out."

Aiming high

More news from the organisation Christians in Sport. St Matthew's, Fulham have founded a football team. The vicar, Gary Piper, said: "The aim of the team is evangelism — but we also want to win the league."

Wonder toy

Interactive television is the latest all-American toy-of-the-future. This stuff can be dangerous. Hear the words of Dan Downs, of NTN Communications, talk about the potential of interactive television for the racing person: "The TV viewer, in his own home, using a remote control, can watch the races live, bet the races live, on demand bring up past performances and then literally build the wager on his TV, send it to the computer, in seconds have it acknowledged, and sign off.

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Three-set thrills

Martina Navratilova — the nearest tennis has to a renaissance person — has just landed a million dollar contract with a publishing company. She will write three thrillers, to be set in the thrilling world of tennis, in partnership with someone called Liz Nickles.

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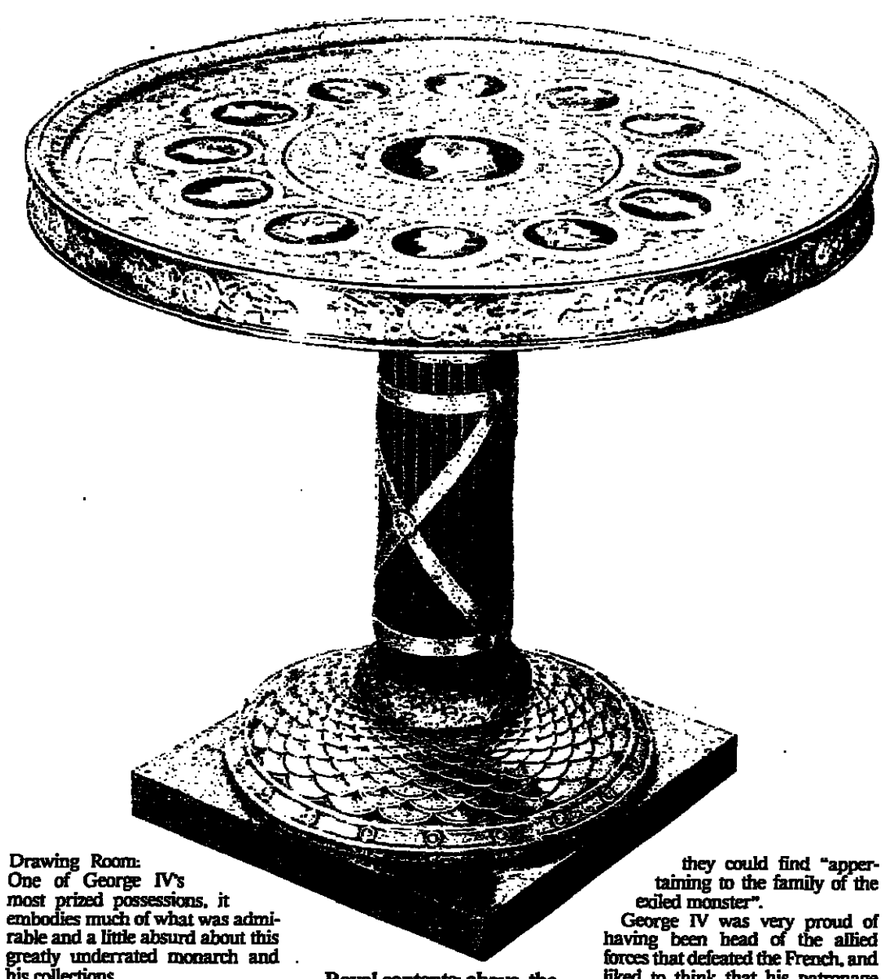

George's top table rivalry

As Buckingham Palace opens its doors to tourists, **Michael Hall** explains how enmity with Napoleon spurred George IV to create this magnificent royal home

Every great house needs a ghost. Unfortunately, Buckingham Palace has one the present royal family would probably prefer to forget: fat, friendless, extravagant and adulterous George IV.

Yet he surely has a right to haunt the palace, which is largely his creation. He may even be anticipating its opening with trepidation, for in 1811 his own experience of admitting the public to his home was a famous disaster. Following a fête at Carlton House in the Mall, he threw the doors open for three days. In the ensuing crush one visitor's leg was broken, several people fainted and many women had their dresses reduced to rags. Unable to return home until fresh clothes could be brought, they were seen by the novelist Mary Russell Mitford "all around the gardens, most of them without shoes or gowns; and many almost completely undressed, and their hair hanging about their shoulders".

But the spectacular interiors that the crowds fought to see have long since disappeared, for Carlton House was demolished by order of George IV himself in 1827. Despite the hundreds of thousands of pounds he had spent on it when Prince Regent, he now had another interest, his mother's old home, Buckingham House, which he was determined to convert into a magnificent palace.

During the next two months, visitors will have the chance to judge for themselves how successful he was. His own opinion may be deduced from the celebratory swagger of Thomas Lawrence's portrait of the king in his coronation robes, one version of which hangs in the State Dining Room at Buckingham Palace. Immediately eye-catching is the imperial crown to which the king gestures, but less obvious is the piece of furniture on which the crown rests. This is the Table of the Great Commanders, which visitors will be able to see in the Blue Drawing Room.

One of George IV's most prized possessions, it embodies much of what was admirable and a little absurd about this greatly underrated monarch and his collections.

The table is a remarkable product of the French royal porcelain factory at Sèvres. In 1800, the factory had been given a new lease of life by Napoleon, which resulted in technical innovations that allowed the production of ever-larger pieces. Even so, complete tables of porcelain were astronomically costly showpieces — only five are known to have been made — and were destined principally for the imperial household.

Napoleon had been so pleased with an earlier example, which depicted him and his victorious generals, that in 1806 he commissioned another, to represent the great commanders of antiquity. France's leading porcelain painters collaborated to portray Alexander the Great surrounded by 12 other soldiers, including Julius Caesar and Hannibal, together with representations of their triumphs. The stem of the table is in the form of a bundle of spears and the gilt-bronze mounts are by Pierre-Philippe Thomire, one of the most celebrated craftsmen of the day.

However, Napoleon never saw the result, for when it was finished, in 1812, he was otherwise engaged in Moscow. The table languished in the store-rooms at Sèvres until 1817, when George IV, then Prince Regent, began to make enquiries about the possibility of buying it. As a gift for the years of happy exile he had spent in England, the newly restored king of France, Louis XVIII, sent it to London, no doubt pleased to be rid of anything that reminded him of the Bonapartes.

The prince was thrilled. Even his worst enemies — and he had many, from his estranged wife downwards — could not deny that he had a superb eye for artistic quality. Carlton House may have been a gimcrack palace (the floors sagged and the roofs leaked), but it frequently left visitors speechless with admiration, thanks to its superlative furniture, pictures and decoration. The Table of the Great Commanders was at once given a prominent position here.

Royal contents: above, the porcelain Table of the Great Commanders (seen in detail, left, and in the Thomas Lawrence portrait, right) is in the Blue Drawing Room

George IV began buying outstanding French furniture in his youth and continued well after Carlton House was dust. Today, it seems odd that he could do this while his country waged a long and bitter war with France, rather as if King George VI had devoted his leisure hours in the early 1940s to collecting Nazi memorabilia.

It is said that George IV took down some gilt eagles at Carlton House when someone remarked that they looked rather Napoleonic. He once joked to Lady Bessborough that he had furnished Brighton Pavilion in the Chinese style because he was afraid of being accused of a revolutionary penchant for French furniture.

However, there was such a strong tradition of the English purchasing luxury goods in France that Napoleon himself gave permission for selected manufacturers to trade with the enemy, fearing they might go out of business otherwise. Yet George IV's delight in the Table of the Great Commanders went beyond his appreciation of its outstanding craftsmanship. Its links with Napoleon must have made it especially intriguing to him. As soon as the emperor was out of the way in Elba, royal agents were scouring Paris for anything they could find "appertaining to the family of the exiled monster".

George IV was very proud of having been head of the allied forces that defeated the French, and liked to think that his patronage outdid the emperor's: when, in 1811, the architect John Nash showed him the plans for what were to become Regent's Park and Regent's Street, he remarked "it will quite eclipse Napoleon", referring to recent imperial changes made to the layout of Paris.

There is something endearing in this rivalry, for it is hard to imagine a less warrior-like king than George IV. True, he enjoyed designing new uniforms for his guards' regiments (usually with inappropriate embroidery) and had an enormous campaign tent with three rooms "all hung with different chintz patterns". This would not have impressed his greatest general, the austere Duke of Wellington, who was repelled by the "effeminate" way of life led by the king at Brighton.

This did not assist the royal purse when the duke himself became prime minister, for he turned a very cold eye on the king's extravagances. On being approached by John Nash for additional finance to rebuild part of Buckingham Palace, which his royal master felt had not turned out well, the duke snapped: "If you expect me to put my hand to any additional expense, I'll be damned if I will."

This is a tone of voice that has often been heard in the aftermath of the fire at Windsor Castle, which has prompted the opening of Buckingham Palace. Poor George IV, with his dreams of Napoleonic glory, would have sympathised with the royal family's present plight. He understood only too well the inconsistency of a public that passionately resented him spending any money, but fought like crazy to inspect the results.

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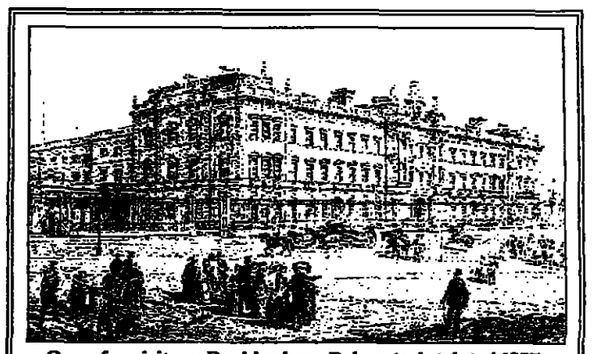

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Believing in ever-decreasing circles

WEEKEND VOICE: Mary Killen

Wordsworth country, Brontë country, James Herriot country, Catherine Cookson country... one tourist board even tried to pretend that visitors were coming to Knots Landing country.

I live in what might have become Crop Circle country, had it not been for the devastating moment in 1991 when two "ordinary blokes" named Doug and Dave came forward to announce that they had made all the circles, and to describe their amusement when they read the circle experts' verdicts that these were "undoubtedly the work of a superior intelligence".

Doug and Dave's emergence was annoying for those of us who had thought the circles might not be man-made. Though my husband's credulity had been stretched when he had heard one expert pronounce that the "snail formation at Alton Barnes was a genuine event", we didn't believe their story. Yet the rest of the populace seemed happy to accept this convenient explanation.

Last week in Marlborough Doug, quite bravely, agreed to appear at his first ever public meeting where he could be questioned freely. I went in the sure and certain hope that I would see for myself that he was a liar or even an MI5 agent, as some of the "experts" believed.

The room was packed to overflowing with people who all seemed, curiously, to be aged either roughly 40 or roughly 70. Seventy is (almost) Doug and Dave's age, so perhaps the older ones were identifying. All had uncynical, un-made up faces. Many of the men's footwear needed cobbling attention but few were in need of a full hygiene overhaul. One man wore a laminated identity badge saying "Orgone" in big letters. At last the discussion in the packed hall began. A man who introduced himself as "Ken Brown, Doug's amanuensis", stood up briefly, then said he would be sitting for the rest of the evening because "we have a lot to get through".

"Hmm," I thought. "It's because he can't look the audience in the eye."

Dave wasn't there, said Ken Brown, "because his memory isn't quite what it should be. We know how important it is, in a scenario like this, to get everything accurate. So quite simply, he wasn't invited."

This was the sort of thing I had been hoping for. Clear, or almost clear, proof that the stories weren't watertight. Dave wasn't there at all and Doug couldn't be trusted to speak for himself. Yet Doug looked like an amiable old bloke as he sat beside Ken Brown and if, after 40, you get the face you deserve, well, after 70 it would be pretty impossible to look like an amiable old bloke if you weren't one. Later he did talk.

Ken Brown now spoke to the audience almost sympathetically. He knew that there was a great resistance in some people to accepting that the circles were hoaxes. The audiences shifted resolutely on their chairs. "Why is Doug here tonight?" asked Ken Brown. "Why has he stopped making the circles?"

The reason, he said, was that making them had become less fun since a newspaper had offered a reward of £10,000 for an explanation to the mystery. Since then every time Doug went out to make a circle, particularly at his favourite local spot, Cheesefoot Head in Hampshire, he had found the fields chock-a-block with cropwatchers hoping to win the reward.

Yet then Doug and Dave had been thwarted, because a solicitor had advised them that their proposed book, with its written confession, could be taken as a clear admission of trespass. A magistrate might fine them £10,000 each with three months in jail.

So he was having this question and answer session because he felt it was time the whole nonsense came to an end. He had been "abused", his wife had been insulted. And "there would have been no more circles since 1991 if the Wiltshire hoaxers weren't still at it", he claimed. "We've given up, yet try to tell that to people and it's like stripping away their religious beliefs. People don't want to know the truth. If the 'experts' had really wanted to find out what was causing the circles, why didn't they mount a crop watch on Cheesefoot Head, given that they had been appearing there every year for 13 years? Because if these experts found out what was happening they would be out of a job."

And then the clincher. "We keep hearing that these circles have been appearing for hundreds of years. If that is the case, then tell me why there does not exist in any photographic archive anywhere in the country a photograph of a crop circle made before 1975, the year we started doing them?"

Some of the faces continued to wear forcedly amused smiles, some looked openly saddened and disillusioned, including mine. Why couldn't we have been left to our simple and harmless beliefs that the circles were the work of a superior intelligence? Step forward another earth mystery, this time insoluble, to engage the public. It would be so much more healthy than watching video nasties.

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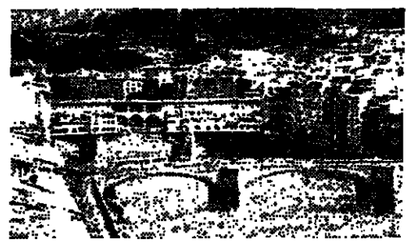

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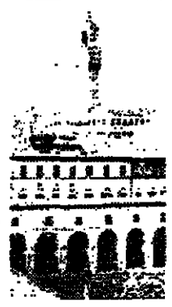

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Check in to boost the family's fortunes

Many British hotels fail to cater for children, but **Sarah Driver** visits one that aims to put the whole family at their ease

Flick through guides to British hotels and a depressing number of entries read: "No children under eight", "No children under 12", "No children in the restaurant". How pleasing, then, to find a five-star hotel that welcomes your offspring.

When we entered the cool, marble-floored lobby of the Imperial Hotel, Torquay, our children were pleased to be warmly greeted and asked their names. They were even more delighted to discover indoor and outdoor swimming pools, multi-channel television sets in the bedrooms, and the joy of ordering food or drink at the touch of a telephone button. On their beds they found bumper fun-packs containing crayons and puzzles.

When his own three sons were small, Harry Murray, the executive director of the Imperial, experienced the discomfort of staying at an English hotel where his boys were clearly regarded as a nuisance. He resolved that any hotel he managed would go out of its way to put families at their ease.

Mr Murray and his wife, Susan, have been in charge of the Imperial for 16 years, and their two younger sons have worked in the hotel. "Many of our guests have seen our children turn into young adults, just as we have seen theirs grow up," he says.

Winner of the 1992 American Express *Expressions* Best Family Hotel of the Year award, the Imperial is perched high on a cliff overlooking the sweep of Torbay. The hotel opened in 1866, when Victorians made Torquay a fashionable winter resort because of its gentle climate. Many of the town's lovely Regency-style houses once belonged to London gentry, who basked in the mild winters and then closed shutters and went abroad during the long summer months. With the subsequent advent of the railways, Torquay became one of the most popular family resorts in the southwest.

This year, the Imperial opened a club for younger guests. The hotel has long provided a programme of events during school holidays but now the Seagulls Club, run by two trained nursery nurses, offers a range of activities for children aged between three and 15, including table tennis, games, competitions and crafts. One nurse, Amanda, was emphatic that activities would not be regimented. "It will not feel like school," she promised.

Although the club room is below ground level, it is light, airy and well equipped. On one wall is a topical and beautifully painted dinosaur mural designed by the Murrays' son, James, soon to become a full-time art student. Older children sign themselves in and out and can use the club to meet others. Younger ones are fully supervised and entertained with story-telling, cartoons, magic shows, movies and a disco. All are given personalised membership cards. If parents prefer, their children can eat in the Seagulls restaurant under the eye of the trained hostesses, who also run barbecues in fine weather.

Our 13-year-old son liked the hotel atmosphere and felt he would occasionally use the club's pool table and games machines. He was more interested in the news that a tennis and squash coach would be available at the hotel throughout the summer. Helen, aged nine, enjoyed a sweet-making demonstration by one of the chefs, especially the "brilliant bit" when the children were allowed to make their own sweets and dunk them in warm, liquid chocolate.

Like her brother, Helen preferred to dip in and out of activities; she thought the treasure hunts, sandcastle competitions and garden games would be great for a slightly younger age group.

With children safely ensconced in the club, parents can take advantage of the hotel's other facilities. Those wishing to tone up can work out at the health and leisure club, while those more interested in winding down can indulge themselves in the beauty salon. My husband returned visibly more relaxed after a back and neck massage, while I had my toes gently pummelled during an hour-long reflexology session.

The only quibbles were that the coffee was surprisingly weak, and a blanket rule applying to Forte hotels decrees that children under 16 using swimming pools must be supervised by parents. While this seems a sensible precaution for young children, every time our 13-year-old, a strong and confident swimmer, went to take a plunge one of us had to accompany him to the pool, which was irksome.

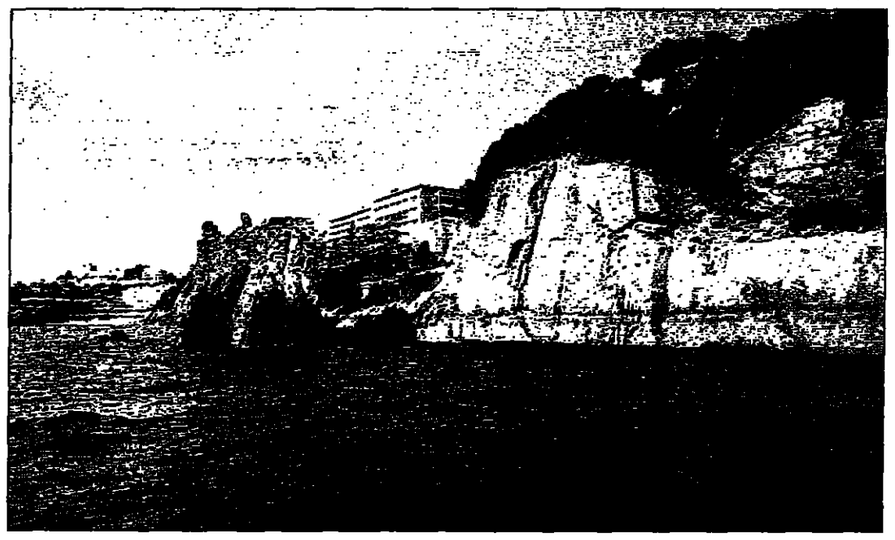
A recent refurbishment has reflected Mr Murray's brief that the atmosphere in the Imperial should be light and relaxing. Sub-tropical plants, a wide bow-window and comfortable blue and white wicker-work furniture in the sunny lounge blend to produce the pleasing effect of an airy Victorian conservatory.

"If you expose children to staying and eating in good hotels from an early age, they quickly become accustomed to behaving in a civilised way," Mrs Murray says. A quick glance around the Regatta restaurant confirmed this theory. At one table a baby beamed at waiters from his high chair, while at others young children chatted quietly with their parents. None of the other guests seemed put out by their presence.

The menu includes a wide range of fresh fish dishes. Children with conservative eating habits might be happier with the Seagulls menu, which offers such delights as a "brilliant burger", "fantastic fish goujons" together with familiar dishes such as pizzas and spaghetti. The waiters were unfailingly courteous to all age groups, and our son was delighted to be presented with his own pot of tomato ketchup.

TIM CUFF

Chocs away: above, chef Austin Mitchell teaches a child how to make sweets at Torquay's Imperial Hotel (below), winner of the 1992 Best Family Hotel of the Year



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A NEW ERA IN THE WORLD OF CRUISING

Billiards, gardens and ancient stones filled a family weekend break

Blooming in the Cotswolds

Blessed with a morning of warm sunshine, our spirits were high as we drove via attractive minor roads to Charingworth Manor hotel, near Chipping Campden, in that part of the north Cotswolds which is packed with places of interest, especially for garden lovers.

The village of Charingworth is mentioned in the Domesday Book, and the oldest part of the hotel dates from the 14th century. Our rooms were in the reconstructed courtyard building, adjoining the Tudor building. Since 1989 the hotel has been owned by the Blandy brothers, who also own Reid's hotel in Madeira, and it incorporates the same concern for comfort as its sister hotel. I appreciated the fresh iced water in our rooms, the body lotion and bathroom goodies.

Waiting to welcome us in our sitting-room were two glasses of a spicy and warming walnut wine, and some scrumptious little biscuits.

Simon Henty, the manager, also has something of the Reid's character about him: perfect manners and and a desire to please that is not obsequious. He is proud of the new courtyard building, which incorporates a swimming pool, sauna and steam room. I loved the steam, the dry heat less.

Our children are snooker fiends and they and my husband rated the billiards room excellent in terms of the table and lighting.

I was glad we went early to the Batsford arboretum, about six miles away, near Moreton-in-the-Marsh, because it was new to me, and especially lovely in the sunshine. It is an odd place, almost a Japanese-style folly, started in 1880s by Lord Redesdale, who had been attaché at the British Embassy in Tokyo. It has been vastly augmented since by extensive new planting. I found it odd to see acid-loving Japanese maples, bamboos and magnolia trees, a large Buddha and some rather good dragons, in an English limestone landscape, but it was very pretty and there were some fine and rare trees.

House with a story to tell: Charingworth Manor hotel

The famous garden at Hidcote, one of the most influential in England, is about two miles from Charingworth. Although the weather had turned grey and chill, the garden was as crisp and beautiful as ever. Its ten acres are a masterpiece of design and good planting, originated by the reclusive American Lawrence Johnson in the early 1900s and now looked after for the National Trust by the head gardener, Paul Nicholls.

We spent a blissful afternoon admiring the beautifully contrived vistas, wandering between the high, clipped hedges of yew, beech and hornbeam, and visiting the theatre garden, pools, patterned beds and flowery orchard.

Appetites had been sharpened by the open air and we did justice to the Charingworth menu, which included game and fish, and pleased our anti-intensive-farming family. My pigeon salad was superb, and Bill Marmion, the chef, maintained the standard with other dishes, curbing the richness of the duck and not overwhelming my seafood in sauce. The wine list was not huge but it was well chosen; Mr Henty is especially proud of his clarets.

We drove back into prehistory next morning to see the nearby Rollright stone circle, and after a jolly lunch in the local pub we stopped off at Chipping Campden, which the historian G.M. Trevelyan believed had "the most beautiful high street in the whole of England". It was also the only place we met a traffic jam, and after a brief foray we left as fast as the traffic would allow.

We all preferred Moreton-in-the-Marsh, a bustling market town, where we came upon a splendid pie shop and an unusual Australian coffee house with amazing cakes.

Just opposite Hidcote is another garden which is a long-standing favourite of mine. Kiftsgate is famous for the single, white rampant rose which bears its name, the original of which sweeps in enormous drapes from a huge copper beech tree.

Kiftsgate has been in the care of one family for three generations, and it has great character and continuity. There is a lovely rose garden, and a dry rocky garden with plants such as indigofera and ornamental origanum. The clematis are glorious, and there are idiosyncratic touches, such as the arch made of trained whitebeams, framing a sculpture by Simon Verity.

In a packed weekend we still saw only a fraction of the many sights in this region, and left the Cotswolds with an appetite for more.

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Coming soon: *Sageosaurus*, the real mega-bucks movie

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

While not exactly green with envy, I must admit to my nose being put slightly out of joint at the runaway success of *Jurassic Park*. I hear that it has taken more than £18 million at the box-office in the past two weeks, but though it is arguably worth it for the visual effects alone, do you know what the feeble plot of this mega-movie is? It is no more than a tale of lumbering animals who take control of their own environment after escaping through an electric fence.

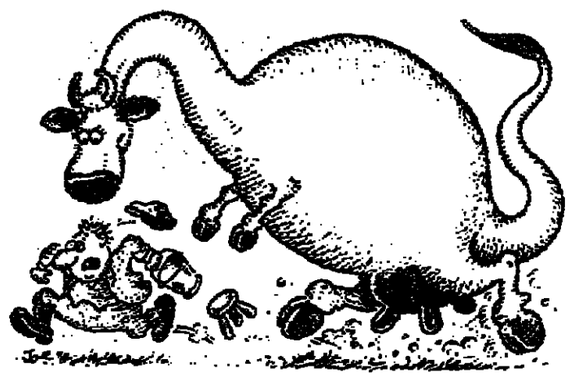
The plot will not be unfamiliar to regular readers of this column. I, too, have a sort of park of animals which can trace their history to the dawn of agriculture: each and every one of them waiting eagerly for the moment when the old car-battery powering the electric-fence goes flat so they can make an assault on the field of potatoes, or whatever takes their fancy.

There's the Sageosaurus, our British White cow, which is said to be one of the oldest breed of cattle in Britain. Sage knows that just the other side of the wire is this year's hay, and given the slightest chance she will have her nose into it — not to satisfy her hunger, for she is standing ankle-deep in lush grass already. She just wants me to know that, although she is a cow from a different age, she has no intention of allowing herself to become extinct.

Then there's Alice, the Large Black sow. Her massive jaws are already flexing at the thought of the ever-larger mangel-wurzels growing in the field next to her. All it will take will be one brief power-cut in the electric fence and she will be crushing those juicy roots between her massive teeth with as much relish as Steven Spielberg's monsters devour the limbs of the fat computer expert in the film.

So why is it that Mr Spielberg is raking in millions of bucks a week when I am sitting here anxiously waiting for the financial thrill of someone calling at the farm and spending £4.50 on a few lamb chops?

I suspect it is all to do with marketing. I noticed at the cinema that I could have bought *Jurassic Park* T-shirts, lollipops and plastic sandwich-boxes. I must learn from this. Perhaps Tupperware would join me in the first ever "Alice Pudding Bowl"? Then there are the computer games. If there is a *Jurassic Park* one, why should there not be one where Super Mario has to attempt to round up our grumpy rams using Flash, our sheepdog, who is scared of them. As a diversion, the computer programmers could build into the game a realistic little trap where Flash gets the scent of a bitch a mile away and abandons Super Mario with a flock of sheep heading for the main road, while the dog scurries in the opposite direction?



But I have no real fears that any of the noble breeds of animal that we keep here will follow the dinosaurs and drift into extinction: they have far too many supporters for that. No, it is something less tangible that is at risk. I refer to a species known as the traditional farmworker.

In the days when farmworkers roamed the countryside in herds, it was a different place altogether. Hedges were trimmed by hand and with pride, not slashed by an insensitive tractor-driven flail: gangs took to the fields in the spring to hoe the sugar-beet and root crops; by summer they would be turning hay with forks and building stacks, in the autumn ploughing the land with teams of horses. It was all laborious work and prohibitively expensive in the modern farming climate. But merely being out of fashion does not in any way belittle the skills of these workers.

I have written in lyrical terms of the way old Dilly swings his hoe at mangel-chopping time. Anyone who thinks there is little to this technique should try it, or watch Derek drilling a field of corn, steering the machine with one hand and pair of horses with the other. It calls for no less talent than a two-handed orchestral conductor calming the violins while at the same time urging the trumpets to greater things.

I have posted Mr Spielberg a scenario in which my happy band of animals break through the fence that encloses them and set out to rule the world. As a story it has potential. Coupled with a picture of Dilly on a sandwich-tin, perhaps there are more bucks in this place that I at first thought.

Mr Spielberg knows where to find me if he is interested.

Saving our wet and wild places

Derwent May previews events at this weekend's Wetlands and Wildfowl Trust festivals

I was invited to try some "wetlands food" a couple of weeks ago. It did not sound tempting. What was I going to get? Sludge on toast, followed by roast limpets with seawrack? In the event, the meal was delicious. The chef was Richard Neate, who had lent his restaurant, the Pied-à-Terre, in central London, to the Wetlands and Wildfowl Trust for a reception, and had cooked fried scollops and prawn vol-au-vents.

The food was there to help launch a new campaign to save Britain's wetlands, an event which takes a big step forward this weekend with festivals at four of the trust's main wildlife centres.

But what *are* wetlands? And what has the Wildfowl Trust (as it used to be called) to do with them?

Sir Peter Scott founded the trust just after the second world war, at Slimbridge on the Severn estuary in Gloucestershire. He was passionately interested in wildfowl, and these riverside fields were the wintering grounds of large numbers of wild geese, especially white-fronted geese.

He bought the land to develop it and to protect them. He also built a house, and established a collection of endangered geese from other parts of the world. One of his triumphs was to save the almost extinct nénè, or Hawaiian goose, and to restore its numbers in Hawaii by sending back birds he had reared.

From the start, Scott welcomed visitors to his watery lands, and the Wildfowl Trust he founded in 1946 soon started to expand. It acquired other important sites where wild geese and swans winter, and finally changed its name to the present one — a change that Scott approved of before his death in 1989.

A member of the staff told me that whereas older people know what wildfowl are but are not so clear about wetlands, children learn all about wetlands in school, but do not know what the word "wildfowl" means. So as well as declaring wider interests, the trust reaches out to different generations with its new title.

Scottish wetlands

The new campaign is bringing the wetlands aspect to the forefront. It defines wetlands as places where land and water meet — lakes and rivers, swamps, peatlands, rocky or sandy shores, and estuaries with their salt marshes and mudflats. The trust is not forgetting the birds with which it began, but it is now fighting for nature conservation on a much broader front.

One way to a person's conservation instincts is through his or her stomach, which is why the trust's campaign includes demonstrations of the wetlands food on which we depend — not only birds and fish and shellfish but, in other parts of the world, such plants as yams and oil palm and wild rice. Beyond that, the trust is spelling out the way in which wetlands can, for instance, break down pollution, create flood barriers and provide places for recreation and the enjoyment of peaceful beauty.

However, the trust recognises the somewhat murky associations that cling to the word "wetlands", and it is tactfully calling this weekend's events "Waterland Festivals".

At Slimbridge Lady Scott, who still lives in her house on the big pond from which, in winter, she can see wild swans swim past her drawing-room window, says she will be out and about today and tomorrow talking to visitors. The wild geese are not back yet, but for birdwatchers there are peregrine falcons hunting along the riverbanks. The great wildfowl collection is also on view, and there will be many special events.

The most dramatic is *Alien*, a "theatre event" devised by Eirwen Hopkins, which take place four times a day. Visitors will come across a colony of giant, igloo-shaped balloons that have landed from another planet. They will be invited to make their way through them to an inner chamber where an "alien" from the planet will be waiting. This alien — Miss Hopkins in disguise — will show why she had to abandon her planet — because all its wetlands had been destroyed.

There will also be demonstrations of salmon pitcher making and willow basket weaving, a water circus, a waterlands tapestry to which visitors can add their stitches, and a giant waterlands crossword. Pond-dipping will be available, with nets and microscopes provided for fishing up and examining water boatmen and pond snails.

Welney in the Ouse Washes, on the Norfolk-Cambridgeshire border, is another spectacular centre belonging to the trust. It is the winter home of vast numbers of wild swans, both whoopers and Bewick's: they feed in the fields and roost on the floodland.

Today, the painter Bruce Pearson will be sitting among the dry reeds painting birds in the landscape, and talking about how he does it. Tomorrow, Liz McGowan will be making sculptures out of reeds and willow twigs. Visitors will be invited to try their hand. There will be pond-dipping here, too.

At the 20-acre Martin Mere at Burscough, near Ormskirk, Lancashire, the trust owns a stretch of peatland where up to 20,000 pink-footed geese come each winter. Today and tomorrow there will be "Reptile Revels", with a chance for children to handle snakes and lizards.

In Scotland, Caerlaverock in Dumfries and Galloway is the winter home of the barnacle goose: the birds feed out on the Solway mudflats. Tomorrow, among other events, there will be a gathering of local children to see who has won the wetland drawing competition.

What the wild geese who started it off would make of all this human activity is hard to know. Perhaps it is as just as well that they are still enjoying the long summer days up in the Arctic tundra.

● *Slimbridge, Gloucestershire (0453 890333); Welney, Norfolk (0353 860711); Martin Mere, Lancashire (0704 895181); Caerlaverock, Scotland (0387 77200).*

TED BATH

Study in nature research: Lady Scott pond-dipping at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, the bird sanctuary founded by her late husband, Sir Peter Scott

Feather report

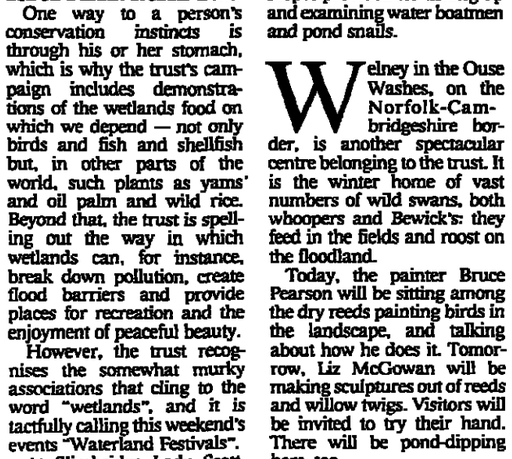
Silvery charms of the goldfinch

Thistledown is blowing through the air again, and goldfinches are back on the thistle heads, *writes Derwent May.*

One day last week I stopped by a field corner where a mass of thistles, all white and fluffy on top, were pressing up against some old bales of straw. Tortoiseshell butterflies were sunning themselves on the straw, gatekeeper butterflies were flitting around the purple thistle flowers that had not yet gone to seed, and with every breath of wind more soft down took to the air.

The finishing touch to this scene came from two goldfinches sitting on the thistles, bending forward to draw out the seeds with their sharp beaks. They have gold bars on their wings, which were flashing in the sun, and black, white and red stripes on their faces. The red stripe, or "blaze", which is just behind the beak, has very bristly feathers that protect them against prickles.

Goldfinches like to feed their young on thistle seeds, so they are late nesters compared with other finches. This pair probably still had some young in the nest, which is a neat mossy cup, generally built at the end of a leafy branch, and tied down with spiders' webs to hold it tight when it sways in the wind. After the young fledge, they sit together on a bough waiting to be fed: they do not have the colourful head of their parents yet, and are sometimes called "grey-pates", but they have the distinctive gold on the wing.



The goldfinch: light, dancing flight matches its song

To my mind, goldfinches are among the most delightful of all the British birds. They have a light, dancing flight and, even if you do not see them, you sometimes hear them pass, scattering their silvery, bell-like notes as they go. The male's summer song is coming to an end now, but you can still hear it occasionally from a treetop: it is a long, sweet elaboration of the silvery flight-notes.

They are sociable birds, and feed in flocks where food is plentiful. They often come down to the ground for dandelion seeds, or gather by railway lines to eat the seeds of the low-growing Oxford ragwort. Later in the year, the males will turn their attention to teasel heads. (The females' beaks are not quite long enough to extract teasel seeds.)

Goldfinches were trapped in enormous numbers in this country to be kept as cage birds in the mid-Victorian years. They were the first species that the newly-formed Society for the Protection of Birds (not yet Royal) set out to save at the end of the last century. The campaign was very successful and the goldfinch is a common bird now.

They are usually called "resident" but that does not apply to more than about a quarter of the birds that spend the summer here. Many of them leave for Belgium, France and Spain in the autumn, and others move off in the winter. Females seem to emigrate more than males.

But in the south of England you have a fair chance of seeing some on a winter's day. When the seeds of the smaller plants become scarce, they join up with siskins and redpolls in the birch and alder trees.

In the evening, the males gather in the treetops and sing. It is not the intense song of summer, but a casual, cheerful chorus of trickling, liquid notes. It is not surprising that a flock of them used to be called a "charm".

● **What's about:** *Birders — holidaymakers at the coast should check the sea for migrating skuas. Twitchers — woodchat shrike, Thurlatone, south Devon. Up to 200 little egrets in the south and southwest of England. Details from Birdline, 0898 700222. Calls cost 48p a minute peak rate, 36p a minute at all other times.*

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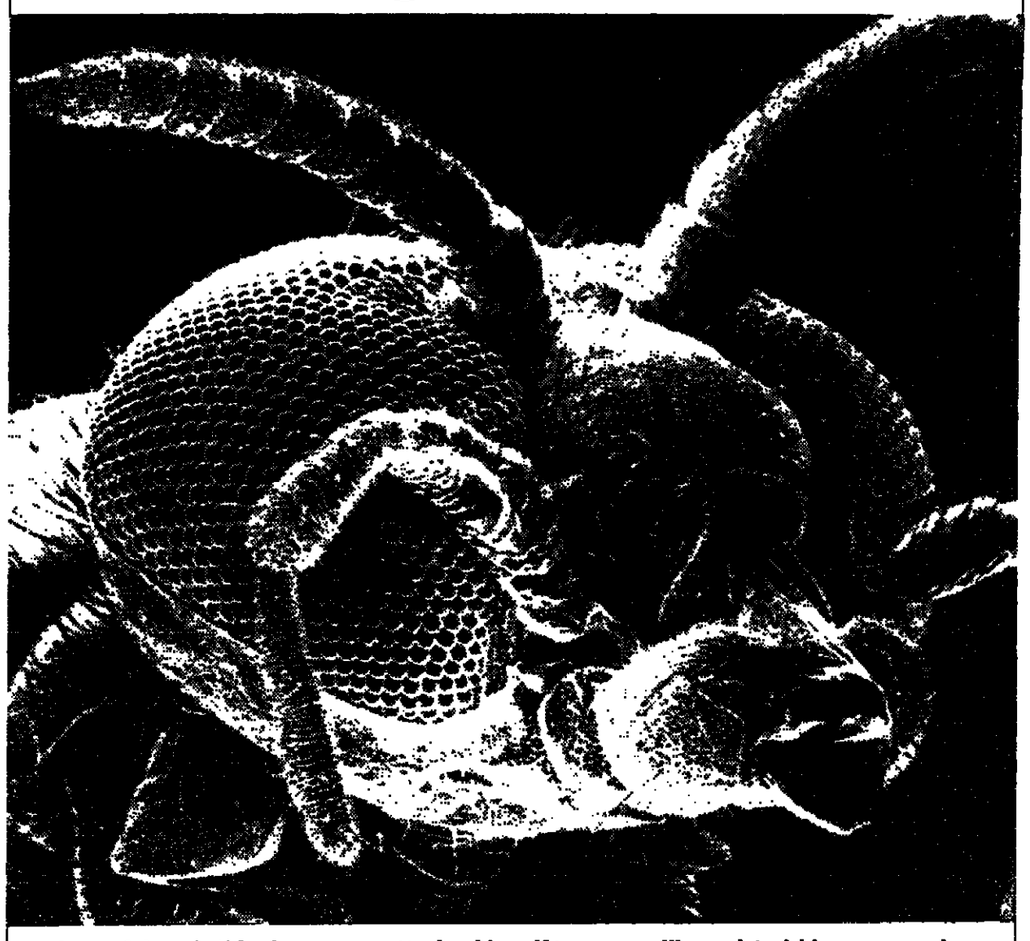

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3 As the Glorious Twelfth approaches, **Sarah Woodward** celebrates at Oxford market

Season's greetings to a game bird

The best of British: mouth-watering roast grouse

Quite how the word for that most delicious (and British) of game birds, the grouse, came also to mean to grumble isn't clear. Until, that is, you speak to the gamekeepers this year. "Prospects are very poor," they mutter. Snow on the Scottish moors in May and a disease caused by ticks, which appears to prevent the mothers adequately rearing their young, have combined to cause the cancellation of a number of early shoots due to a lack of sufficient mature birds.

But, as the Savoy comments, "we've heard it all before". Gamekeepers are not a breed renowned for their optimism. When pressed, they admit that the odd bird might still find its way to the table, albeit at a high price — the Savoy will certainly be serving them. On the Glorious Twelfth, the most patriotic sound of high summer will not have been the crack of leather against willow, but that of shotguns on the moors.

Peter Dawson of game butchers M. Feller, in Oxford's covered market, regards the race to get grouse to the tables of London's hotels as precipitous. "You want to let the birds settle down a bit. We will get them in quickly, but we like to hang them for four days. Eating them on the thirteenth is just not right." So when do you eat them? "A week or two later, when the price comes down."

This is advice worth listening to, for the butchers of "M. Feller, Son and Daughter, High Class University and Family Butchers" know their game. They expect to sell at least 150 brace of grouse this year — unless, that is, an Oxford college decides to serve the young birds at a feast. In that case, "100 brace might go in one hit", says Michael Feller junior, the son in "M. Feller, Son and Daughter" (Michele works upstairs in accounts).

Certainly there is enthusiasm for grouse at the colleges. Roland Depit, a Frenchman who for 13 years has been the chef at Christ Church, claims that on his budget he can rarely afford to feed grouse to the fellows. This year he too is waiting to see how the price will fall. But he agrees that "this very British dish" is popular with what he describes as his "conservative" diners. He recommends a Hermitage wine to accompany the the bird: others might choose a claret.

Shoppers in the market tend, as Mr Dawson explains, "to buy single birds; our customers treat grouse as a novelty". Yet the grouse is one of the most traditional of British game birds. Still, it is true that Feller's sales of grouse pale into insignificance beside the 35,000 brace of pheasant and the 24,000 brace of partridge they sold last season. For Feller, the first appearance of grouse is the most significant because it marks the opening of the game season. Within a month or two, the shop front will be covered by assorted birds in the feather, and rabbit, hare and deer carcasses — and the shop will be supplying other butchers in the marketplace, making Oxford one of the best places in the country to buy game.

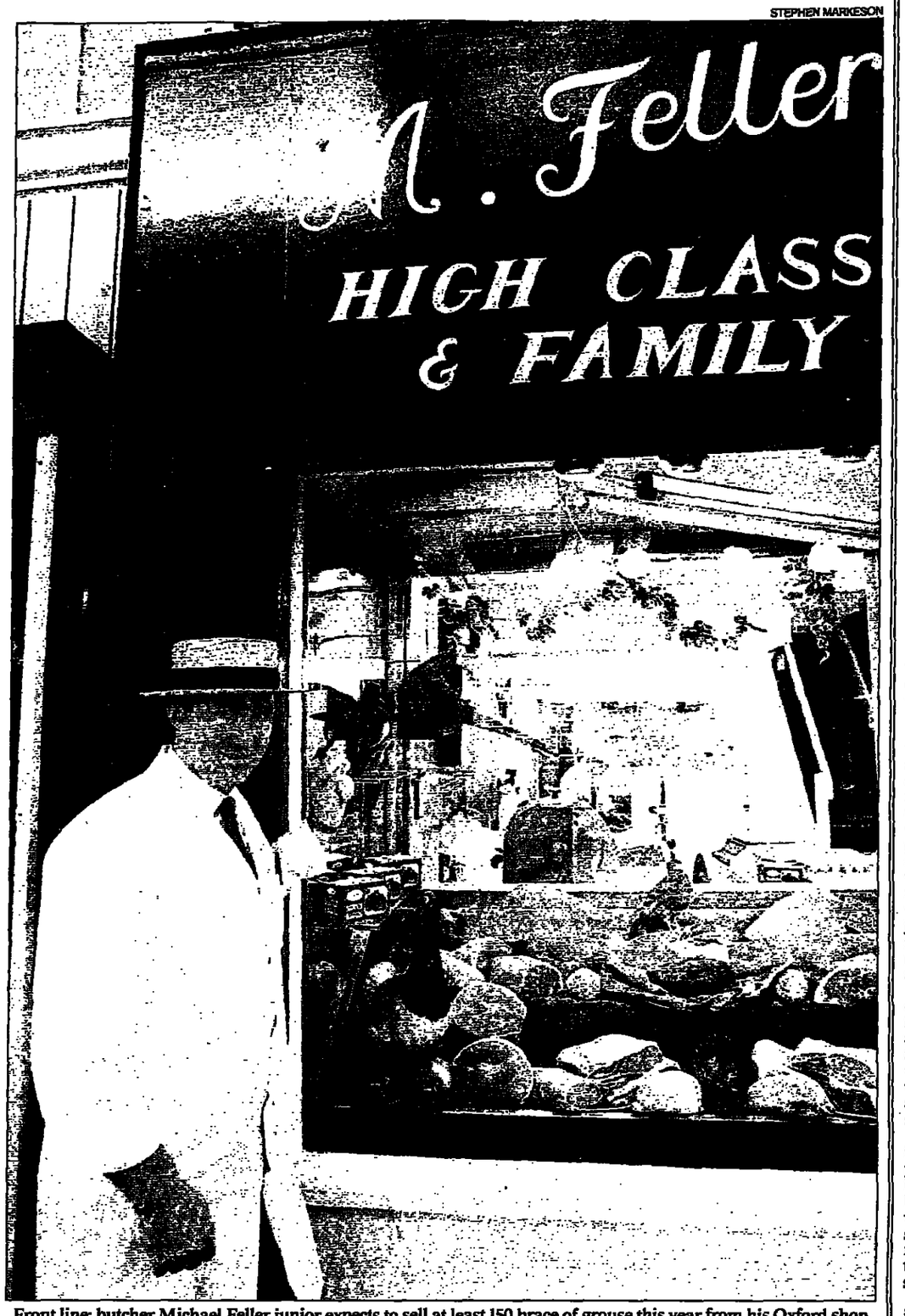
Mid-August is marked by the reappearance of venison as well as grouse in the shop — in high season, Feller will sell 30 deer carcasses a week. "Mind you say that they're all wild," says Mr Dawson. "We get them locally; roe, fallow and muntjak. Not red deer, though. They're too tough for our customers." The Feller butchers do not approve of farmed deer.

No one has yet managed to farm grouse. In fact, unlike pheasant, they refuse the gamekeepers' best efforts to assist them in rearing their chicks. And all attempts to introduce this delectable bird into the wild in France (and elsewhere for that matter) have failed. It is difficult enough to maintain their numbers on our moors.

The grouse, then, is a precious treat. Not just one to be enjoyed at an expensive restaurant this week — the season continues until December. And a roast grouse is one of the simplest, and quickest, of gastronomic experiences to prepare at home. What's more, it is a British dish. If you want to impress a Frenchman with our culinary heritage, feed him a grouse, well seasoned, stuffed with nothing more than a nugget of butter, wrapped in bacon or better still pork fat, on a piece of good quality bread to catch the juices, and blasted in a very hot oven for 25 minutes. I am sure M Depit would agree: the grouse is absolutely glorious.

● Sarah Woodward's book on market produce is on offer (left).

STEPHEN MARKESON



Front line: butcher Michael Feller junior expects to sell at least 150 brace of grouse this year from his Oxford shop

Think pink on cool days

Jane MacQuitty tastes the best of the summer rosés

Pink wines make the perfect summer drink, especially on cooler days. But a few years ago they were the poor relation of the wine world. Most lacked the refreshing crispness and acidity of white wines and could not quite attain the fruitiness of reds. Their image was not helped by cheap, sweet rosé from Portugal and Italy, and California's less than delicious white zinfandel (in practice, usually a curious pale blue-pink).

The cheap, sweet, pink wines still exist but, judging from the 30 high-street examples I've just tasted, there has never been a better time to enjoy rosé. The quality and range is the best I can recall.

Wine-makers are now serious about the vinification of the rosé in their range, instead of dismissing it as a "pop wine". Today's top pink wines have attractive colours, from the palest of pinks to a rich rose-pink and even a deep orange-pink that the French refer to as *oeil de perdrix* (partridge-eye pink). It is hard to achieve such good colours with the traditional *saignée* method of making rosé, where the just-stained-pink juice is run off crushed red grapes. Harder still is to produce a delicious flavour and a decent shot of alcohol.

Inviting: a glass of rosé

Fortunately, many producers are moving away from the thin, wishy-washy, alcohol-light pink wines that they thought the public wanted; almost all of the winning wines I tasted had at least 12 per cent alcohol, some up to 12.5 per cent.

Fruit is important. Many fruitless pink wines were produced in the past because lacklustre grapes were used. Now, with the use of decent varieties, including cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, merlot, syrah and grenache, the end result is infinitely superior.

The golden rule with rosé is to buy the youngest vintage and serve it cool or cold. Pink wines are not supposed to age or mature. Having said that, two of my best bottles were two years old, but they were the exceptions. Check the colour of the wine, too. Any that are pale orange with amber edges are past their prime; the best generally have a good pink hue.

Rosado from Spain and rosato from Italy are getting better, but France still leads and almost every wine region there produces a first-class pink wine.

My winning wines were both clairets from Bordeaux: the oak-vinified 1991 Château Haut-Bertinerie, with its elegant, spicy cassis character (Oddbins, £6.49), and the perfumed blackcurrant flavoured 1991 Château Tour de Mirambeau (Oddbins, £5.29). Clairet was once used to describe the light red wines of Bordeaux but evolved into the word claret as a generic term for all red Bordeaux. Also from Bordeaux was the splendid 1992 Château de Sours, with its pleasant, juicy raspberry fruit (Majestic Wine Warehouses, £5.99).

Less expensive rosés to consider include Marks & Spencer's 1992 Rosé de Syrah, a brilliant, spicy wine from the Vin de Pays des Côtes de Libron (£3.29). A touch better is the 1992 Rosé Syrah, a Vin de Pays d'Oc from Fortant whose juicy, raspberry flavours offer plenty of finesse (Safeway, £3.65; Victoria Wines, £3.79).

Cheaper still and one of the best buys is Sainsbury's new Vin de Pays de l'Ardèche Grenache Rosé (£2.49) with its juicy, spicy, strawberry-scented style. Equally redolent of strawberries is the soft, ripe fruit of the 1992 Domaine La Croix Belle, the Vin de Pays des Côtes de Thongue (Oddbins, £3.69). Look out, too, for the splendid 1991 Domaine de Limbardie, Vin de Pays des Coteaux de Murviel (Davisons, £3.99), whose deep, hearty, juicy spice will be better with food. Just £1 more is the glorious 1992 Château de la Jaubertie Bergerac Rosé (Threshers, £4.99; Victoria Wine, £4.99) with a combination of redcurrant, raspberry and strawberry fruit.

BEST BUYS

● **1990 Croser:** *Oddbins £10.49*
Toasty, creamy, brioche-scented fruit cheers up dull summer days.

● **Rocheret Brut:** *The Victoria Wine Company £11.99*
Pleasant, warm, musky fruit makes this a useful champagne.

● **1992 Lazio, The Country Collection, Pallavicini:** *Victoria Wine £2.99*
Good, simple, fresh white Italian glugger with citrussy fruit.

● **1992 Grenache Blanc, Vin de Pays d'Oc, Gabriel Meffre:** *Victoria Wine, £3.59.*
Good French medium weight summer food white, whose spicy apricot style should have wide appeal.

● **1990 Santa Rita Cabernet Sauvignon-Malbec:** *Oddbins £4.99*
Pleasant Chilean red with sufficient, chunky cassis fruit.

● **1989 Château Camarsac, Lucien Lurton:** *Sainsbury's £3.99*
Rich, ripe, rustic claret whose unusual rose scent pushes it out of the everyday league.

● **Hungarian Country White, South Balaton Region, Dry:** *Sainsbury's £2.69*
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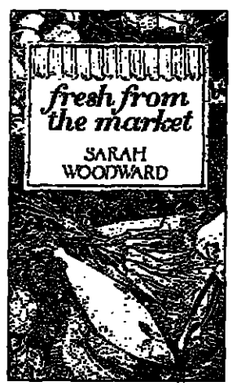

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DISH OF THE DAY

MICHAEL POWELL

Chef: Paul Flavell, 24.

Born: Belfast, brought up in Liverpool.

Restaurant: Whitehall Hotel, Broxted, Essex (0279 850603).

Present: Cooks with a team of five in this imposing Elizabethan manor house for the owner Gerry Keane, an Irish dental surgeon who switched to being a hotelier-restaurateur eight years ago ("after all, both jobs involve people's teeth", Mr Keane says).

Past: "Booted out of catering college but I was determined to become a chef." Cooked at Charingworth Manor, Chipping Campden (see page 2) and Lords of the Manor, Upper Slaughter. Joined Whitehall as sous-chef; promoted to head chef.

Future: Continuing to cook in a traditional style but with "a feeling for the nineties". Wants to own his own restaurant eventually where "young people can afford the best food". Teaching, but not in a formal way. "I couldn't be a college lecturer."

Personal: Likes fashionable clothes, eating out. Fanatical about Liverpool football club but doesn't often get the chance to watch the team play. Otherwise, cooking is his life.

Dish: A pyramid of white chocolate and pistachio nuts with a butterscotch sauce, like a windmill with spun sugar sails.

Price: Six-course menu *surprise* dinner, without wine, £37.50. Three-course à la carte dinner, £34. Lunch, £19.50.

FRANK JEFFERY

ARMAGNAC LIMERICK

ALMOST 500 readers tried their hand at writing a limerick in our Armagnac competition. Many of the entries were witty, although a few failed to scan, and these were discarded by the judges.

Nearly half of the entries rhymed armagnac with Jack or Jacques, plus a smattering of yak and Ladakh. Some matched the word brandy with shandy/dandy/handy/Mandy/randy.

The winner struck a more romantic note. He is Dr Christopher Sonnex, of Cambridge, who receives the prize of a six-bottle case of Château du Tariquet Bas Armagnac VSOP with our congratulations.

His winning entry is as follows:

I've known you a week now dear Ted,
Said Michelle, a girl from the Med.
The Krug has been fine,
The Latour quite divine.
But Armagnac! When shall we wed?!

RESTAURANT WATCH

OSCAR REIGNS
Café Royal, Regent Street, London W1 (071-437 9090)
The refurbishment of the splendid late 19th-century Grill Room and the cuisine provided by new executive chef Herbert Berger is working wonders, *Frank Jeffery writes*. Although no major changes were made to the room where Oscar Wilde held his Bohemian court, the caryatids were cleaned, the banquettes re-upholstered, a sumptuous new red, turquoise and beige carpet fitted and a small bar added. Mr Berger, an Austrian with impeccable credentials (the Connaught, Claridge's, the Mirabelle), has revived the menu and has seen the customers flock back in. *Prix fixe* lunch, £22.50; dinner, £32. Average à la carte dinner for two, with wine, £90.

AUGUST BARGAINS
Upstairs at The Savoy, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 4343)
For August only — traditionally a slow month for restaurants in London — Upstairs, the small seafood and champagne area near the American Bar, is offering a two-course lunch or dinner for £8 on bookings up to 8pm. You can select two dishes from a special "888" menu (eighth month, 8pm, £8) of first courses, main courses and desserts.

Similar deals for August, again with an 8pm deadline, are being offered at The Causerie at Claridge's, W1 (071-629-8860), the Grill St Quentin, 3 Yeoman's Row, South Kensington, SW3 (071-581 8377), the Restaurant St Quentin, 243 Brompton Road, South Kensington, SW3 (071-589 8005) and Simpson's in The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9112). Some of these restaurants are closed for part of the weekend so check opening times first.

FRENCH STYLE
Dôme Brasserie, Regent Palace Hotel, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-437 2250)
There are now 15 of these French-style café-bars in and around London, including a new one within the Regent Palace. The menu includes fast snacks or more substantial lunch or dinner. Two courses, £8.50; three courses £10.25; both include coffee.

TWO FOR A TENNER
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English treats for the Wakes

Frances Bissell, the Times cook, shares some traditional holiday recipes

DIANA LEADBETTER

THIS week I am turning to some very traditional English recipes. Leisurely teas in the garden have a great appeal, as do long, lazy Sunday lunches. Today's recipes are well-suited to these occasions.

Wakes week, which is a movable feast but usually falls in August, is the name given to the annual holidays in many towns in the northwest of England. Originally, the wake was a medieval celebration in which devout parishioners would hold a vigil, or wake, on the eve of the church's saint day and hear mass at dawn. Gradually, the word became associated generally with festivals and holidays.

As with many festivals, there is a traditional dish associated with wakes. Hindle Wakes is a rather splendid chicken, stuffed with prunes and served cold. The use of chicken and prunes together in a dish was not uncommon in the old days and, like the cock-a-leekie, the *dish was probably a native invention.* Whatever its origins, it is very good, particularly for a large summer gathering. The prune filling keeps the chicken moist, and its sweetness is balanced by the sharpness of lemons. Staying in an English mood, I would serve a good, dry English cider with it.

Ideally, use a large, free-range, organic chicken, weighing at least 5lb/2.30kg. If you get a boiler rather than a roaster, it will need to cook for 45-60 minutes longer. If you get an ordinary broiler, killed at 42 days, it will cook much more quickly than an older free-range chicken. Failing a large chicken, you could use a small turkey.

Most recipes call for the chicken to be stuffed and cooked whole, but I have enjoyed it as a galantine dish, where the chicken has been boned and stuffed. More preparation time is needed, unless you can persuade your butcher to bone the chicken for you, but carving and serving is much easier. I replace the traditional suet with minced belly pork.

Hindle Wakes
(serves 8-10)

1 chicken or small turkey (as described above), boned, plus carcass
1lb/455g prunes, soaked overnight
½lb/230g belly pork, minced
2oz/60g flaked almonds or pine kernels
6oz/170g breadcrumbs
2 lemons with good skins
1tbsp each of parsley and chervil, finely chopped, plus herb stalks
2 or 3 sage leaves, finely chopped
2 or 3 sprigs of thyme
salt, pepper

Stone and chop the prunes. Crack the kernels and mix these with the prunes, belly pork, almonds and breadcrumbs. Remove thin strips of zest from one lemon, and grate the other. Finely chop the strips of zest and mix into the stuffing, together with the herbs, seasoning and juice of one lemon. Reserve the herb stalks and some of the thyme for the stock.

Open out the chicken, skin side down. Spoon in the filling and wrap the boned bird into a neat *parcel — an oval sausage shape is* probably the best, enveloping the stuffing. Tie it at intervals with string, sew it up, or wrap it closely in muslin to hold it together.

Chop the chicken carcass. Put the stuffed chicken and the carcass in a saucepan. Just cover with water and add the herb stalks, a few more sprigs of parsley, a bay leaf and few celery leaves. Bring to the boil, skim the surface, and simmer very gently for about 1½ hours if using a free-range chicken (about an hour if using an intensively reared broiler; 2½ hours if using a boiler). When the meat is cooked, remove from the heat and cool as quickly as possible in the stock. A sink full of ice will speed things up; meanwhile, you can prepare the sauce.

Sauce

2 leaves or 2tsp gelatine
½pt/280ml chicken stock plus 2 extra tbsp of the stock
½oz/15g butter
1tbsp flour
½pt/70ml milk
¼pt/140ml double or whipping cream
grated lemon zest (see above)
juice of one lemon (see above)
salt, white pepper
mace or nutmeg (optional)

Soak the gelatine in the extra 2tbsp of cooled chicken stock. Reduce the ½pt/280ml stock by half and stir in the gelatine until dissolved. Make a roux with the butter and flour, and gradually stir in the milk and cream until smooth. As the sauce begins to thicken, gradually add the hot chicken stock. Once all the liquid has been incorporated and the sauce is smooth, add the lemon zest, and cook for five minutes or so. Season to taste with lemon juice, salt and pepper, bearing in mind that a little more seasoning might be needed as the sauce will be served cold. At this stage, I also like to add a hint of nutmeg or mace. The latter does not mar the pale creamy sauce as nutmeg does, which is why I have also suggested white pepper.

Cool the sauce as quickly as possible. It will begin to thicken. If you prefer not to use a flour-based sauce, you can achieve a similar effect by leaving out the milk, doubling the quantity of cream and using three leaves of gelatine.

To serve the Hindle Wake, place the cold chicken on a serving platter, removing any string or muslin. Paint on the cold sauce quite thickly. Decorate the platter with extra prunes, lemon quarters and bunches of herbs. It will look quite spectacular, and even more so when it is sliced to reveal the dramatic black stuffing. An idea for a black and white dinner, perhaps.

WILFRA, or St Wilfred's day, is celebrated at Ripon, Yorkshire, at the beginning of August, the original bank holiday. This celebratory, though rather plain almond tart is very good served with a compote of soft fruits as a pudding, and also cuts well cold at teatime or with coffee.

Wilfra tart
(serves 6)

8oz/230g sweet shortcrust pastry
½pt/280ml full cream milk
1oz/30g soft white breadcrumbs
2oz/60g ground almonds
1oz/30g caster sugar
grated rind of lemon
4oz/110g unsalted butter
3 free-range eggs, separated

Roll out the pastry, and line a 8-9in/20-23cm tart tin or quiche dish, and place on a baking sheet. Put the milk in a saucepan and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat and stir in the breadcrumbs and ground almonds. Leave for five to ten minutes and then stir in the lemon rind, butter and egg yolks. Beat until smooth. Whisk the egg whites, fold into the mixture, and spoon into the pastry case.

Bake in a pre-heated oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4, for 30-35 minutes until the filling is set and the top pale gold.

I HAVE in my refrigerator a large pot of lemon curd I made the other day. Although lemons are more often associated with winter, when the citrus fruits arrive from southern Europe, I could not resist using Amalfi lemons. Safeway will continue selling them until the end of August, and they are well worth the higher price of 59p each. They are huge, juicy and have an exceptional fragrance.

Lemon curd is an excellent tea-time treat, and also makes sophisticated, yet simple, puddings: spoon it into meringue cases, and top with whipped cream; use it to fill an almond sponge roll; fold in double cream and freeze to make a beautiful lemon ice-cream. With a nod in the direction of Rocombe Farm, which first came up with the idea, I sometimes crumble a meringue into it before freezing for an even grander version.

Making lemon curd is a labour of love: it cannot be hurried and only begins to thicken long after you have decided it never will. Allow for at least half an hour of steady stirring.

For the following recipe, I recommend using one and a half Amalfi lemons. (Fish dishes, gin and tonics, homemade lemonade and the Hindle Wakes will be much improved by the addition of these fine lemons.)

Summer lemon curd
(makes about 1½ lb/680g)

8oz/230g caster sugar
1½ Amalfi lemons, or 3-4 ordinary lemons
generous 4oz/125g unsalted butter (ie, half a packet)
4 size 2 free-range eggs, lightly beaten

Put the sugar in a bowl set over hot water. Grate in the zest and squeeze in the juice. Cut up the butter and add it to the sugar. Stir from time to time until all has dissolved and melted. Gradually stir in eggs and continue to stir until the mixture thickens. Transfer to a container to *store in the refrigerator, or pot in* small, clean jars, seal, and label for presents. The curd should be kept in the refrigerator and used within three to four weeks.

Note: the heat used is not enough to cook the eggs in this recipe. So, if you would rather not eat raw eggs, do not eat this lemon curd either.

Quentin Crewe goes in search of the mysterious and elusive edible truffle

JOHN BRUNTON

At the weigh-in: producers can usually expect around £300 to £400 a kilogram for their prized French truffles

Buried Gallic treasures

The total production of truffles in France is now little more than 100 tons a year, whereas in 1990 it amounted to 1,000 tons.

Around Grignan, southeast of Montélimar in the Côte du Rhône, there are still people who live by producing truffles, although producing is hardly the word because the truffle is a whimsical, intractable thing, not susceptible to cultivation. Among them is Pierre Aymé, a good-looking man in his late forties, who has 30 acres of land beside the river Lez, of which 26.25 acres are given over to the hope of truffles.

The French edible truffle, *Tuber melanosporum*, is commonly known as the Périgord truffle. It is, incidentally, apart from the *Tuber magnatum* (the delicious, highly scented, Italian white truffle), the only truffle with any gastronomic merit. The so-called summer truffle (*T. aestivum*), which does appear in England, especially in the New Forest, is a pointless thing. Despite the name, however, Périgord is not the most productive area for truffles. Both the Drôme and the Vaucluse claim to be the most important source of this strange and most mysterious of all things we eat.

Truffles have been known and prized from the earliest times. Perhaps because of their elusive nature, they have been the subject of many myths. The Roman writer Pliny said that they did not spring from any seed, but were the offspring of storms.

Almost everything to do with truffles presents difficulties or puzzles. They usually grow under oak or hazelnut trees, but it is no good planting these trees and just hoping.

People have spent fortunes trying to find ways of ensuring that truffles will grow. Every few years there is a great flurry as someone is said to have discovered the answer, but nothing happens. As M Aymé points out: "We are now told that the Japanese have managed to reproduce the scent of the truffle in the laboratory, but who has seen it or smelled it?"

The next problem is to find them. There are three possible ways of locating truffles. The first is to use a pig to hunt for them. Pigs are the best searchers and easy to train, but they have disadvantages. One is that they are greedily fond of truffles and are inclined to gobble them up before the owner can get them. Another is that they grow fat and uncontrollable, so you have to get a new pig every year.

The second method of finding truffles is tricky, and requires a certain knowledge of where the truffles might lie. The idea is to gaze across a likely bare piece of earth, looking towards the sun, and watch out for a particular kind of pale fly which dances up and down over a truffle.

The most practical method is to use a dog. They can be trained to like truffles. M Aymé has five, which he describes as "pedigree mongrels". He starts early with his puppies by rubbing truffle butter on the mother's nipples. "We always love what we eat as children," he says.

Dogs, however, are expensive. Rita, M Aymé's favourite, is 12 years old, but even at that age is still worth £3,000.

We went out into the woods with M Aymé and it was fascinating to see the dogs work. Within a minute, Rita had found *something*, and scratched at the earth. M Aymé went over and, with a metal rod, he dug down and picked out a truffle the size of a golf ball. He uses the rod to expose the truffle because, if it were not yet big enough to be worth taking, and he touched it with his hand, it would rot in the ground.

The dogs work best at about ten o'clock in the morning, when the distracting scents of the nocturnal rabbits, hares and rats have faded.

The growth cycle of the truffle is quite strange. It seems that in May there may be 80 potential truffles in a square yard, joined in some way to the tree that is their host, but only a small number survive. In the middle of June, this umbilical link is severed and the truffle grows independently, up to 30cm (about 1ft) below the surface. They continue to grow until the following March or April.

M Aymé says that all truffles need in that time is water and warmth. Ideally, there should be a little rain every month. A drought is fatal. One can start searching for them in November, but the full flavour does not develop for some time, usually until there has been a frost. M Aymé thinks that they are at their best around January 10-15.

If all goes well, the truffles can produce a reasonable income. The price M Aymé can expect is between £300 and £400 a kilogram (2¼ lb). In a moderately good year, he might make £40,000, but in a year like 1990 he would make only £2,000 to £3,000.

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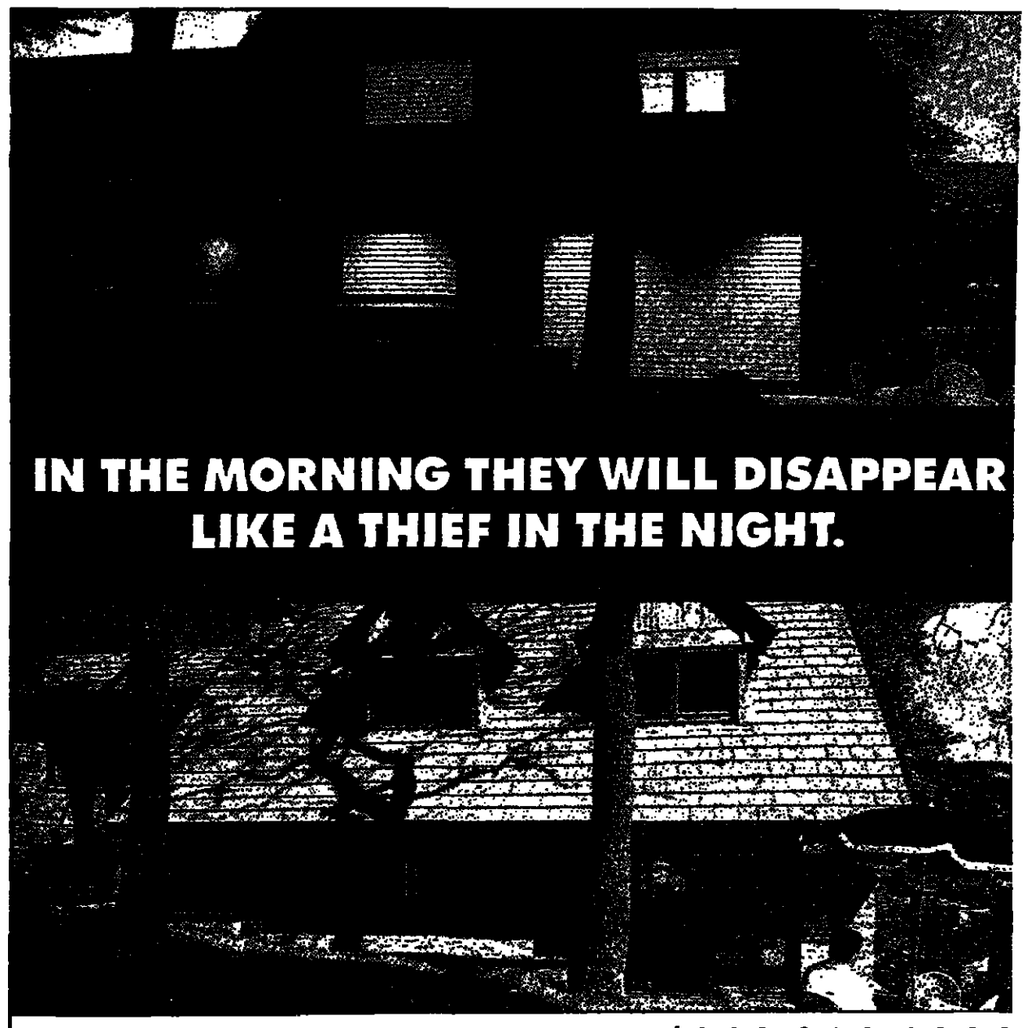

Ceroc is a Gallic dance phenomenon sweeping Britain's ballrooms. **Jules Lee** takes to the floor to find out why

Footloose: teacher Mike Ellard puts Lorraine Fournel through her paces at Central Hall in London's Tottenham Court Road. A string of 60 moves make up Ceroc, a ballroom blend of jive and rock 'n' roll that originated in Paris

ROBIN MAYES

The sexy dance that's bent on purity

Do you Ceroc? If you do, you are one of the 20,000 people enjoying a craze that's sweeping the country's dance halls. Every evening at 7.30pm, young people flock to venues hoping to learn a string of 60 or so moves that make up the dance.

But this ballroom blend of jive and rock 'n' roll — the Gallic version of dirty dancing — is no mere overnight success. The dance originated in élite Parisian circles and first came to Britain 13 years ago. It has taken hard work to reach the present popularity.

The mastermind behind its success is 36-year-old James Cronin, who is half French, half English. Summing up its appeal, he says: "It's chic, sexy, a good laugh, and good clean fun."

At first the dance was only a diversion from his main career as a screenplay writer, until in 1986 he realised that for those who weren't interested in discos and rave music there was little in the way of dance entertainment. "There's a whole generation out there who don't want to go to discos but do want to dance," he says.

I called in on the beginners' class at Central Hall in Tottenham Court Road, central London. Janie, Mr Cronin's wife, dressed in Fifties bubblegum skirt and neckerchief, is going through the steps as class members, mouths agape and eyes fixed firmly to the front, ponder how they will co-ordinate body with beat. Anyone who has ever been dragged on to a French dance floor will tell you that without the skills of Ceroc you are unlikely to be a swinging success with your dance partner.

Today's twentysomethings may have immersed themselves in the hedonism of rave, but many are now looking for an alternative more suited to the sober Nineties. Dance floor etiquette demands the man must lead his partner through the intricate steps.

The New York brainwave of opening clubs early in the evening is gaining ground in the UK. People can come straight from the rigours of the office, loosen a bit of clothing, dance with different partners, master the "swizzle stick" and be tucked up in bed by 11pm.

Patrick, a 29-year-old fund manager, is late for the intermediate class. In a flurry of pinstripes he

jettisons his briefcase and leaps into his Ceroc persona. "I try to make it here at least once a week," he says. "It's great exercise and I meet people. I hate nightclubs but like having a bit of partner contact."

Yet behind the frills and frolics there is a keen business plan that has sustained Mr Cronin's obsession with the dance, when others would have mothballed their drainpipes and pumps. Ceroc was patented in 1980 as a way of "preserving the integrity and purity of the dance". On joining, new members sign a form promising not to plagiarise the dance.

Ceroc now offers a teacher training diploma. Would-be teachers hoping to start a franchise are sent a starter pack including an instruction video, accounting and contractual advice and tips on venues. Potential candidates must have a bubbly character and business know-how, but more importantly a wide circle of friends. With 12 franchises up and running and a further eight planned this summer, it is hoped there will be 150,000 members by 1995.

Friendship and fanaticism often spring to the lips when describing Ceroc. Many dancers confess that once bitten by it, the dance begins to take a firm hold. Victor, a 25-year-old student, says: "It's immense, addictive and sexy." Sexy it may be, but there is a discipline to the dance, unlike the lambada which, according to Mr Cronin's business partner, Syliva Coleman, a director at Sony Music, "was not suited to the English temperament — it was too raunchy and too difficult".

> 'You are touching and moving with a partner and it's a lovely feeling when you are actually acting in unison with someone'

As the opening bars of Robert Palmer's *Addicted to Love* fill the hall, the beginners lurch forward, the strained looks on their faces often dissolving into fits of giggles.

On the floor, the students are urged to change partners after each dance in a bid to "familiarise the class". Again, shrewd marketing tactics lurk behind this seemingly innocuous code. It is purely by word of mouth that Ceroc took off from its humble beginnings in two London clubs in the 1980s. Creating an air of a "friends' evening out" is essential to its appeal.

Only time will tell if it can challenge the hegemony of the more traditional ballroom dancing, but Ms Coleman insists that for romantics it will be hard to resist: "You are touching and moving with a partner and it's a lovely feeling when you are acting in unison with someone."

As yet Leonard Morgan, president of the National Ballroom Association, feels no threat to his quarter of a million membership, which has the BBC's *Come Dancing*, the world's longest running dance programme, as its personal publicity machine. "We always keep our eye on Ceroc, but as yet we are not thinking of taking it on board," he says.

"These things always take time," says Mr Cronin, pointing out that *Come Dancing* has been on the air for 44 years. "Overnight crazes remain overnight crazes, but this is more like a quiet revolution on the dance floor."

It is now 8.45pm and the novices stink off to the sidelines, making way for the pros — it's freestyle time. Cerockers with months, even years of experience, strut on to the dance floor, eagerly waiting for their fix. Getting into position the voice on the Tannoy rings out: "All change, can we have seven ladies on, please."

The beat goes on and the word continues to spread.

● *For further information, call the Ceroc National Phoneline (081-742 9149).*

How the iron lady met her match

Gay Biddlecombe's first taste of English wine convinced her to plant her own vineyard. Now she's the toast of Parliament. **Paddy Burt** reports

Here's a formidable lady. Mention the word *risk* and her eyes light up: "Everyone thought I was mad. Plant a vineyard? In England? What did I, a Londoner, know about wine or farming?"

But the mad lady from London planted her vines anyway, and those who said "don't" now speak in respectful tones. Not only is Gay Biddlecombe, at 50, one of the few female wine producers in this country and owner of one of Britain's largest vineyards, she has just written a book, *A Vine Romance*, on the blood, sweat and tears of it all.

I'm down at St George's Vineyard in Sussex to meet this intrepid person. If she had known what lay ahead in those far-off 1979 days, would she have done it, I ask? She hesitates: "That's a big one. I knew nothing. It was hard. Your back aches, your knees ache, your hands get blistered, you're out in all weathers, and there's always the overdraft to fret about. Now I just tell myself I've done all I can. If there's one thing the vineyard has taught me, it's to accept the inevitable. But it's taken a long time."

Her passion for English wine began when she and her husband, Peter, bought a dusty bottle in a Kent village shop. English, said her husband, it'll be dreadful. "Then I tasted it and decided it was very good. I know most people don't usually have one glass of wine and say 'I'm going to plant a vineyard' but that's what I did."

So in 1979 the Biddlecombes sold their four-bedroom house in Kent for £130,000 and bought Cross Farm, consisting of two houses, barns, and six fields. Her brother and his family joined the enterprise, moving into the second house. Mrs Biddlecombe took out a small loan to buy additional land and saved money from the first four years by doing all the work herself. In 1986, she borrowed £100,000 to build a modern winery and restaurant and to extend the vineyard to 20 acres. Today, she's breaking even, "though if it wasn't for the recession we'd be making a very good profit". She calculates that anyone starting their own vineyard today faces set-up costs of between £4,000 and £5,000 per acre, excluding the cost of farmhouse, land and labour.

> 'A million bottles a year? No, I just want the best'

Since those early days, English wine no longer raises eyebrows. Indeed, it is often to be found on supermarket shelves. "Many supermarkets want me to submit wine, but I've said no," Mrs Biddlecombe says. "I know plenty of vineyard owners who'd cut off their right arm to be in a supermarket. I think that's crazy. I'm not out to produce a million bottles a year — my ambition's to produce the best."

But first things first. What was she going to call this vineyard of hers? After much agonising, Mrs Biddlecombe arrived at what she considered the supremely appropriate St George's. But with the first production also came the problem of how to sell her wine and, herself. "I sent out masses of press releases to newspapers. Growing the wine's one thing, making it is another, but selling and marketing is also a big part of the fun."

One evening she saw Margaret Thatcher, then prime minister, on television urging more support for British industry. Mrs Biddlecombe sent "a really stroppy letter" to the PM, which resulted in a phone call from the House of Commons asking her to bring along her wines for a tasting.

She took her wine, nice and chilled, and gave a lecture on why the government should drink English and not French wine. "This man said: 'Let's see if it's any good first.' And he liked it. 'You've just got yourself an order,' he said. Then it dawned on me. Why don't I produce an English wine with a House of Commons label? 'All right,' he said, 'if you can organise it in a week, you've got it'."

She did, and he ordered 25 cases. Mrs Biddlecombe has been supplying the House of Commons ever since. She exports — Japan is her biggest customer — and supplies "own label" wine to the Tower of London and large companies. Her wine also graces "top tables in the country — aristocratic, political and cultural". Asked to elaborate, she mentions embassies, high commissions, members of the House of Lords and the lower echelons of royalty, "none of whom would want their names mentioned". Quite.

Soon after her Commons triumph, Mrs Biddlecombe heard that Mr and Mrs Thatcher were visiting her local television studios. She phoned and managed to get herself invited on the programme too. The Thatchers ended up tasting St George's wine in front of the viewers, with the result that she was asked to supply Number 10. Before delivering it, Mrs Biddlecombe contacted a newspaper which sent a photographer to record the event. "That got things rolling, but it didn't make me popular with other wine makers."

Today, St George's is much more than just a vineyard. It is a tourist attraction with exhibitions, concerts, music hall evenings and whatever else its owner dreams up. As for the wine, I am not mad about the bottle of 1990 Medium Dry Reichensteiner Mrs Biddlecombe sent me — too sweet for my taste — but I can vouch for her Extra Dry Sparkling, which we drank overlooking the vines. It does seem a pity that eight out of the 11 wines on her all-white list are in the Medium Dry or Sweet category, but I guess that's the English climate for you. Or as Mrs Biddlecombe says: "Medium Dry and Sweet just happen to be the most popular." It doesn't surprise me. That's the English for you.

TONY WHITE

Rich harvest: Gay Biddlecombe admires the fruits of her labours at the St George's Vineyard she created in Sussex

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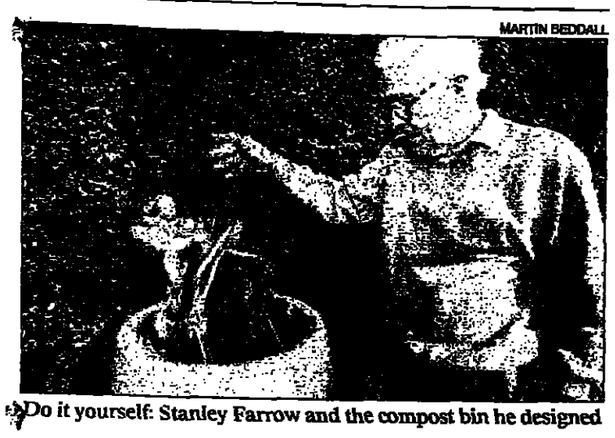

Do it yourself: Stanley Farrow and the compost bin he designed

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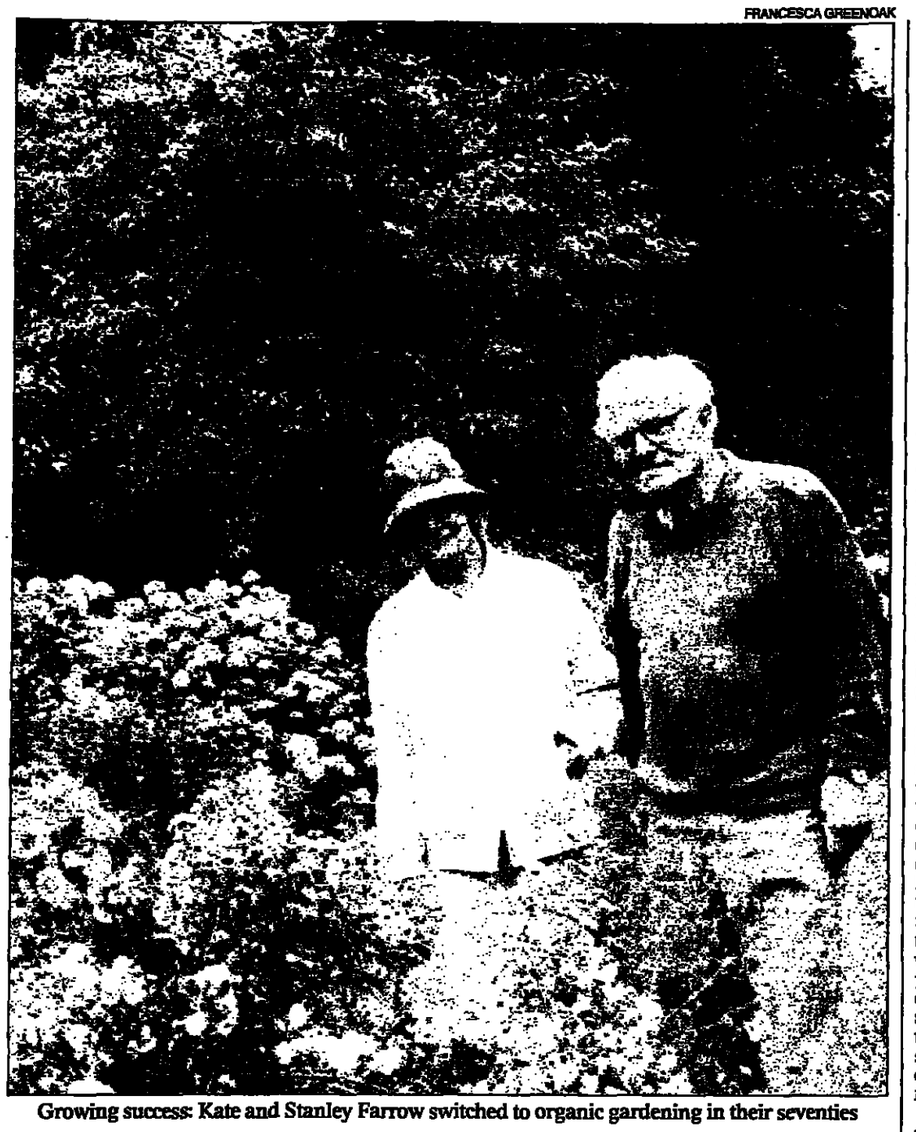

Growing success: Kate and Stanley Farrow switched to organic gardening in their seventies

Kate and Stanley Farrow are in their eighties and have proved that it is never too late to take up new gardening methods. They have lived at Brambles, in the attractive village of Chipperfield in Hertfordshire, for 12 years, and over the past five years they have turned their two-acre garden into an organic delight.

The Farrows, who have had long gardening experience, admit to having used chemical sprays extensively in the past. It was a chance reading of a book on organic farming that made them think about the issue. They changed their ideas at once, joining HDRA (the centre for organic gardening) for advice.

Organic gardening is thought to be labour intensive, but these octogenarians take it in their stride. Their composting bins, made to their own design, demonstrate the various stages in the making of their rich, dark, friable compost. Clippings from the privet hedges around the garden, chopped up in a shredder, make up a good proportion of the composting material.

To keep pests at bay the Farrows also use companion planting, which is particularly successful in their whitefly-free greenhouse. Mr Farrow attributes this to the tagetes plants he interplants with his tomato and cucumber plants. He feeds with a liquid comfrey fertiliser, which he makes from the HDRA recipe — steep 14lb of comfrey leaves in 20 gallons of water (or proportionate amounts) for four to six weeks, drain and use undiluted.

Their garden surrounds the house and, apart from the vegetable garden and labrador run which are hedged, it is open-plan in design. This part of southwest Hertfordshire is predominantly alkaline, as the Blue Wave hydrangeas, coloured a pretty shade of pink, testify; but the Farrows found a rhododendron growing well when they first arrived, so they added several more of these usually acid-loving plants, making a small, thriving grove. Most gardens vary in their soil composition, and discovering an unlikely plant that does well is a sign that it is worth trying out others with similar requirements.

From the house, you see a richly planted herbaceous border, with annuals, hydrangeas, delphiniums, antirrhinums and clouds of white sea-kale *(Crambe maritima)*.

Roses fill one bed. The Farrows' pride is a Peaudouce, a large-bloomed creamy-lemon hybrid tea flecked with red on its outer petals. Other roses grow up old fruit trees, and the trellis at the back of the border is disappearing beneath a white smother of *Rosa longicuspis*. These two beds show the benefit of continuous soil enrichment with manure and compost.

The paved terrace in the lee of the house is a haven for tender plants, such as a wisteria, with a matching lilac abutilon and the golden-flowered fremontodendron. True to organic ideals, the Farrows also grow annuals in the narrow beds at the foot of the climbing plants.

Tomorrow, the Farrows will be welcoming visitors when they open their garden under the HDRA Organic Garden weekend scheme.

● *Brambles (off M25, exit 19; follow signs to Sarratt and Chipperfield, and at Chipperfield Common, by the Two Brewers, follow the common to the Windmill pub; the track on the right on the green beyond takes you to Brambles). The garden is open tomorrow, 2-5.30pm. £1, child 50p. For details of other open gardens phone HDRA on 0203 303517.*

WEEKEND TIPS

● *Pick beans, courgettes, peas and peppers as soon as they are ripe to keep the plants cropping.*

● *Start preparing ground for new lawns, removing weeds and stones; make sure drainage is adequate.*

● *Continue cutting sweet peas to encourage new flowers; remove stray pods (except where you are collecting seed).*

● *Delay buying hyacinth bulbs until after mid-month; earlier ones may be illegally imported, and probably of inferior quality.*

BEST BUY

ARGYRANTHEMUMS are marvellous container plants, their daisy-like flowers continuing well into autumn. There are many different kinds but some of the old favourites are among the prettiest and longest lasting.

If you buy them now, and bring them indoors before the first frost, they will continue to flower in a light porch or conservatory, and you can take cuttings for next year. Look out in particular for the daisy-like "Chelsea Girl", the yellow "Jamaica Primrose", or "Blizzard", a dainty, double petalled white.

How to avoid the water torture

Ways to keep your plants watered while away on holiday — or even when at home

ARRIVING home at midnight after a 16-hour journey from the south of France, a conservatory covered in mould and full of wilted plants was not the most welcoming sight. One "caretaker" had alternately starved and drowned the inmates. Another, for security reasons, had closed the internal door and all windows. The lack of air and erratic watering quickly took their toll.

If you can't rely on well meaning but horticulturally hopeless friends to keep plants healthy while you are on holiday, can you at least hope to keep them alive?

Probably the safest option is to hire a house sitter. There are many agencies which will recruit a retired couple to take care of your house, plants and pets. Most claim to match the couple with the client's needs and promise to tend even the most exotic plant collection. They will also harvest your beans and peas and freeze them, so that you don't return to aged vegetables and stunted crops. Expect to pay between £110 and £150 a week for such a service, plus a supplement of about £3.50 for each cat and £15 for a dog.

For a more permanent answer, it may be worth investing in a computer-controlled irrigation system, which can be set up to serve borders, pots, greenhouses, conservatories and even hanging baskets — if you don't mind pipes and nozzles dangling above your prize geraniums.

Most include a master unit to control the water flow, then a series of pipes, dripheads, sprinklers and valves take the water to where it is needed. They can be connected to an outdoor tap. No electricity is needed as the timing mechanism, which can be bought as an extra, is usually battery controlled.

Apart from keeping up the watering in your absence — and cutting down on the drudgery when you are at home — the systems are designed to water the roots, not the leaves, so wastage and evaporation is kept to a minimum. A basic kit will cost around £50 for 15 metres of hose plus the associated parts; computerised timers start at about £70.

While this type of irrigation is ideal for borders and greenhouses, it is not so good for most hanging baskets, which really want hand watering with great care at least once a day, even when it's pouring.

But how do you keep them alive if there is no one around? Martin Cowan of Essex-based Poplar Nurseries suggests asking a local nursery to offer crèche facilities. Mr Cowan, who is against moving containers once planted, says he often does this for customers in a jam.

Failing that, if you have a huge container that could be filled with water, try standing the basket in a bucket and running a capillary wick from the reservoir into the compost.

For future plantings, consider plastic "self-watering" baskets, with a reservoir at the bottom. These cost about £8 to £10 depending on size, and need watering only once every one to two weeks. There are also water-retaining jellies to mix with the compost, although these have had a mixed reception. Life will be a little easier, too, if you go for a single planting rather than a mixed basket.

Remember that houseplants can be put in a shallow filled bath, or even outside.

Whatever happens, before you set off, pull off every flower. The plant will look naked, but who cares? You won't see it and when you return there should be fresh blooms to greet you.

LIZ GERARD

● *House sitters: Housewatch, 0279 777412; Home and Pet Care, 06974 78515; Homesitters, 0296 630730. Irrigation: Gardena, 0462 892868; Hozelock, 0844 292002; Eco, 0684 592281.*

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5/5 *Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate the length of the reviews to date in national broadsheet newspapers.*

4/5 **Coca joker:** It is publishing's silly season, and the only new book to get much notice this week was *For God, Country and Coca-Cola* by Mark Prendergast (Weidenfeld, £20). The *Spectator* reviewer, Nigel Spivey, dismissed Coca-Cola as no more than "sweet gassy water", and decided that the author of this history of the drink was altogether too much of a "Coke kid", too "convinced of its universally salubrious properties". In *The Daily Telegraph*, J.G. Ballard was much more sympathetic: he found the book "an hilarious and entertaining account" of "a caramel-coloured fizz . . . whose functionaries abroad have often enjoyed virtually ambassadorial status, and whose cheerful logo has seemed as insidious a force as the combined CIA and KGB". In *The Times*, Graham Paterson observed that "Prendergast prints the entire Coca-Cola formula" — but added that even if you followed the recipe in every detail, "without hundreds of millions worth of advertising and a ruthless corporate culture, the result simply wouldn't be the Real Thing".
Col cms: 233.

3/5 **Mary, Mary, quite contrary:** Susan Haskins's scholarly book *Mary Magdalen* (HarperCollins £25) contrasts the respectful Biblical portrayal of Mary Magdalen as the first human being permitted to see the Risen Christ, with the legendary figure of her as "the beautiful repentant whore", as Michèle Roberts put it in *The Independent on Sunday*. Ms Roberts thought that the book "rescues Mary Magdalen", showing that she was a "glorious contradiction" and that "in the world of the unconscious, virgin and whore dance together".
However, in *The Evening Standard* Ysenda Maxtone Graham complained that it was a difficult book to read, and that in its 400 pages "we learn about everyone but Mary Magdalen", from St Augustine to Zeffirelli. Angela Lambert in *The Daily Mail* found it "crystal clear" and approved of its argument that the Church's response to women had been to deny them sexuality — but she thought that the author's claim in the last pages that "women have a place at the very centre of Christ's Ministry" showed that the image of Mary Magdalen is still being manipulated "in this very book".
Col cms: 124.

4/5 **Good Sandwich:** More decisively rescued in N.A.M.Rodger's *The Insatiable Earl* (HarperCollins, £20) was the wicked 4th Earl of Sandwich. As George III's Secretary of State, he was long thought to be "the epitome of Old Corruption", as John Adamson put it in *The Sunday Telegraph*. But Adamson found the book "a persuasively argued essay in political rehabilitation". In *The Sunday Times*, Frederic Raphael admitted that the earl "never lost a taste for unsavoury adventure" but judged that this "charmingly crusading biography" had saved his reputation. However, it is still not clear if he was the first man to ask for "a bit of beef between two slices of bread".
Col cms: 167.

3/5 **Tatiana's yarn:** Was the Grand Duchess Tatiana rescued from the Bolsheviks by the dare-devil war hero Richard Meinertzhagen? This is what Michael Occleshaw maintains in *The Romanov Conspiracies* (Chapmans, £16.99). Mark Archer in *The Sunday Telegraph* said it was "an intriguing and moving story" but left the question open; Nikolai Tolstoy in *The Daily Telegraph* thought it was just "a rattling good yarn".
Col cms: 87.

Service with song and dance

Ruth Gledhill visits a charismatic pentecostal church in a deprived area of Liverpool

THE often-told story of church decline in Britain is difficult to reconcile with that of the Assemblies of God, the UK's biggest pentecostal grouping, with more than 600 churches and nearly 50,000 members. In the five years to 1990, church membership grew by 20 per cent.

The Liverpool Christian Life Centre, founded in 1989 with 12 people in the home of its minister, John Partington, is one of the fastest growing. Congregations in a warehouse now number 400 or more, and the centre has "planted", or founded, a further eight congregations, who will eventually become part of the Assemblies of God, a fellowship of autonomous churches.

In a charismatic pentecostal church, worship reflects a belief that the gifts received by the first Christians on the day of Pentecost, recorded in Acts and Corinthians, can be exercised today. They include prophecy, healing, exorcism and speaking in tongues, and usually come after the convert has been "baptised in the Holy Spirit".

On my visit, the centre reflected the pentecostal tradition's roots as a church for the poor. Members were well-dressed and smiling. Their eyes shone, and they seemed almost to glow with faith. Their enthusiasm was difficult to resist. But many were from the city's most deprived areas. Nearly all I met said they had, through their conversion, recovered from lives of desperation, including for some sleeping rough, dealing in drugs and being on the run from police.

The church was celebrating an auction held the night before which, with the help of a signed Liverpool football, had raised £1,300 for a staircase. New windows gleamed throughout, thanks to a convert who is a glazier. Pot plants brightened the drab interior. There was a crèche, a shop selling baby equipment, a youth room and a shower room. The basement is to be converted into a gym and sauna.

HOWARD BARLOW

Stage presence: Alan Vance preaching at the centre that started with 12 people, and now attracts 400

"The commission of the gospels is to help the poor," Mr Partington said. "I really do believe that the gospel is practical and social, as well as spiritual. Working in this area, you have to believe that."

As the service began, members patrolled the streets with walkie-talkies to safeguard our cars from theft. We opened with a gospel song, as people danced and dozens of hands went into the air.

Mr Partington is a charismatic leader. Walking back and forth across the stage, with a microphone, he worked the congregation up to fever pitch. He asked how many had come to sing praises to their God, and was answered by cheers.

We celebrated communion, called here the "taking of the emblems". Sometimes wine is used but this week it was grape juice, served in small glasses, and leavened bread.

Our prayers were illustrated. A detailed map of the trouble spots in the former Yugoslavia was projected on to the screen. We were told to choose one area and pray for it.

A young man, Alan Vance, preached in a strong Nottingham accent that belied his American tele-evangelist looks. He described visiting an old haunt, a pub, with his brother after his conversion: "The same lads were playing pool, a bit fatter and a bit uglier. The juke box was playing 'One Day at a Time, Sweet Jesus'. I went to the barman and said, 'Can I talk to these fellows about Jesus?' Everyone went quiet. I unplugged the juke box. My brother backed away, white-faced. I said: 'All those that want some prayer, follow me to the toilet.' Forty people followed me. I cannot say every one of those went to God, but people remember.

"I was on so much of a high. I went to the next pub, took the mike at the disco, and about five people came to the toilet this time." He was 17 at the time, and precocious. He recounted another story. "As soon as I got saved, I took tracts down to where the bikers and prostitutes were. My knees were shaking. I threw the whole lot in the door and ran off. I didn't look behind me but it made an impact. If nothing else, it made an impact on me."

Inspired, 50 people went to the front of the church. Mr Partington took over to lead trained counsellors in a laying-on of hands. "In the name of Jesus, receive that which comes through these hands," he said. "Receive his healing." We sang a little more before the benediction and a final amen.

Afterwards, a queue of people waited to tell me their story. Tony Wilson, aged 26, said he had dealt in and used drugs, spent time in prison, studied the occult and lost everything before going to church: "They had their hands in the air. My head was saying get out. But something in my heart changed and I asked Jesus into my life."

Pentecostals are accustomed to mockery for their apparently simplistic beliefs. While none can guarantee that their hopes for the next life will be fulfilled, few doubt that life with the Assembly of God is better than life without it.

Worship: hands-on experience

Liverpool Christian Life Centre, 1-11 Cornwallis Street, Liverpool (051-709 0749).

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ARCHITECTURE: An impression of surreality. The Victorian warehouse, formerly a workshop for blind people, is in a notorious red light area and surrounded by houses with barred windows. The conversion is not yet complete; a hole gapes where a staircase will be.★★

MUSIC: Electric guitars, drums and a synthesiser led us in a series of Christian pop songs, with unusual improvisation when one female vocalist was inspired "by the spirit of the Lord".★★★

LITURGY: None to speak of; communion was accompanied by relevant Bible verses.★

SERMON: Rousing, with experience of evangelism mixed with a Bible college-trained delivery.★★★★

SPIRITUAL HIGH: Difficult, even for a sceptic, to resist the excitement and enthusiasm that comes from real change taking place in people's lives.★★★★

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Tea, coffee and biscuits in café-like area.★★★

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TED BATH

Getting to grips with golf: remember what the coach said . . . head down, eyes firmly fixed on the ball . . . a long, easy, smooth swing and a good follow through . . . and now . . . where's my ball gone?

Tee-time for little swingers

Children learn more than how to play golf at the local club. **Jane Bidder** reports

It is Sunday lunchtime and a group of fresh-faced golfers, aged from seven upwards, are clutching their clubs in anticipation of the forthcoming lesson. Their parents have been despatched to the clubhouse for refreshments.

Anyone who thinks golf is for the fortysomething brigade should take notes from 11-year-old Andrew McEwan, who started playing when he was only seven. He is a member of the Weston Turville Golf Club, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, where the junior annual subscription is £143.

"I started playing because Dad took lessons," Andrew says as he heaves a swanky-looking bag of clubs on to his shoulder. (He saved up a year's pocket money, and sold his computer to buy the clubs.) He has group tuition (£5 an hour) at the club and also plays after school.

According to the Golf Foundation, the national body for the development of junior golf, "there are plenty of clubs and driving ranges around the country where children can sign on for lessons. They do not need special clothes, just trousers and jumper, and they can buy a secondhand club for about £10." Many clubs will scale these down to a junior size.

Golf is also an ideal sport for children who may not be particularly athletic but have an eye for the ball. "I enjoy cricket and football, but I'm best at golf," says Andrew, who looks like a budding Nick Faldo, with a diamond-patterned jumper and smart white shoes.

As we talk, his coach, Andy Wyatt, an Australian pro, has started off a class of five children with basic safety rules. The children have been divided into pairs (my nine-year-old son, William, is teamed with the coach) and told to stand well away from their partner during practice shots. "Good on you," Mr Wyatt says as ten-year-old Sarah, who started lessons only last week, tees off to perfection.

Sarah began "playing around" with her father's golf clubs last summer and persuaded him to pay for coaching. "I love being here because it's a nice feeling when you hit the ball," she says. "And I like doing something my father does."

Potential golfers need a good eye, but it is also a skill that can be taught, providing the child has patience and reasonable co-ordination. "The trick is to work on one particular skill for a short time so that a child doesn't lose interest," Mr Wyatt says. "You might look at the grip for a bit, then talk about the club face position [the way the heel and foot of the club are facing]."

Mr Wyatt goes into the basic banter: "Right. You hold the club in your right hand, like this, and then lock on three fingers from your left hand. Hold the club up in the air, flex your knees and bow to the Queen. Drop your club on the ground and let your hands hang loose. When you pick up the club, bend from the hips and swing like a little pendulum, or like a baboon."

The children giggle. It's just the analogy to get their attention. It works. My seven-year-old daughter, Lucy, delightedly sends the ball — plus a chunk of turf — sailing sky-high. William follows suit.

"What do we do when we're not hitting the ball?" Mr Wyatt asks. "Yes. Stand well away from your partner so that you don't get hurt." Such a message is vital, because children have no fear. "In one way this is good, because they pick up things easily," Mr Wyatt says.

Weston Turville Golf Club, which is part of Master Golfer Ltd, has 60 juniors, aged from seven to 18, and a thriving competition schedule. Many children are there because their parents play, like 11-year-old James Higginson, who has a fluffy fox mascot sticking out of his golf bag. "My Dad's good, but my Mum wouldn't touch a golf club," he says with a disarming lack of loyalty. "She'd probably hit someone in the face, accidentally."

Among Britain's more expert young golfers is Rebecca Hudson, 13, from Doncaster, South Yorkshire, who last year travelled the country to play in championships. Her mother, Mary, says: "I've been playing golf since my daughter was born, but her handicap is ten compared to my 20." Rebecca was an under-14 winner in last year's Weetabix/Golf Foundation Age Group Championships, the prize for which was lessons at Wentworth, Surrey.

Entrants for the Weetabix/Golf Foundation Age Group Championships have to pass through initial qualifying rounds, held at most clubs. This year's final takes place in Shropshire on August 16-17.

The foundation runs a merit award scheme, whereby a local professional has to vouch that a child has reached a certain standard to obtain a Golf Foundation certificate. Beginners without a handicap are welcome. The foundation is also hoping to re-start a subsidised coaching scheme at schools and clubs.

Not all budding golfers belong to a club. Seven-year-old William Oakes got the bug when on holiday with his parents in Devon last summer. "There was a golf course next to the hotel and William kept pestering us to take him," says his father, Nigel, a director of an advertising agency. "He enjoyed it and was rather good. So when we came home, we took him to a local driving range in Wavendon, Buckinghamshire."

William and his father have joint lessons (£14 for three-quarters of an hour). "It's nice to do something together and I'm glad William is learning young," Mr Oakes says. "That way, the basics of the game will go in. Children also learn how to behave themselves: there's a certain etiquette on the course."

At the end of the day, my two potential golfers handed back their clubs reluctantly. "Do you think we could join?" Lucy asked later. "Ask your father," I said. You don't need a golf handicap to pass the buck.

● *The Golf Foundation, Foundation House, Hanbury Manor, Ware, Hertfordshire SG12 0UH (0920 484044), can advise on where to find local clubs and driving ranges for juniors.*

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☐ **Summer in the City:** Non-stop activities at the Barbican for children up to ten. Including pottery, break dance, flight, magic, circus and mask workshops, puppet and theatre shows.
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C Venue, Over-Seas House, 100 Prince's Street (031-225 5105). Wed-Sept 4, 1pm; £5, children £2.50.

☐ **Halifax:** The Museum for Children, Eureka!, offers continuous dance workshops running throughout the day, of about 40 minutes duration.
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Greenhead Park (0484 513808). Today, 1pm and 4pm; admission free.

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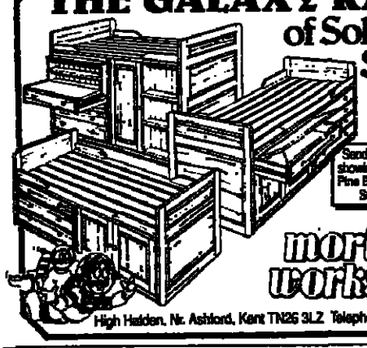

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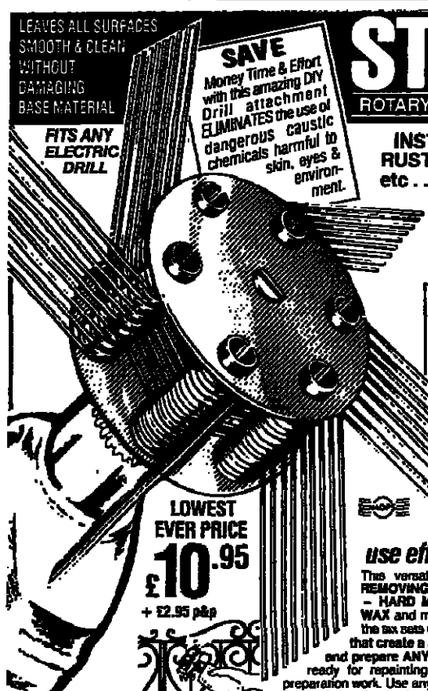

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BAMBI (U): Disney's magical classic about a young deer. Director, David Hand
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BARAKA (PG): A perfect coffee-table book of a film, surveying the world's miseries and wonders from Kuwait to Kathmandu. Director-photographer, Ron Fricke.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527).

BENNY & JOON (12): Zany love story ultimately choked by whimsy, starring Johnny Depp, Mary Stuart Masterson and Aidan Quinn; director, Jeremiah Chechik.
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Battling: Tom and Jerry star in their own movie

CHAIN OF DESIRE (18): Smart sexual escapades across New York, inspired by *La Ronde*
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MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

CLIFFHANGER (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

DENNIS (PG): Episodic, bland adventures of America's Dennis the Menace (Mason Gamble), with Walter Matthau as the irascible neighbour. Director, Nick Castle.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

EQUINOX (15): Alan Rudolph's intoxicating tale of lost souls in a crumbling metropolis, jam-packed with visual magic. With Matthew Modine, Lara Flynn Boyle
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757).

THE FENCING MASTER (12): Intrigue, romance and political unrest in 1860s Spain, a modest pleasure from director Pedro Olea. With Omero Antonutti
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

JURASSIC PARK (PG): Michael Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough. Director, Steven Spielberg.
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JUST ANOTHER GIRL ON THE IRT (15): Brassy black Brooklyn teenager (Ariyan Johnson) finds herself pregnant. Raw, lively, first feature by Leslie Harris.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

LAST ACTION HERO (15). Movie-mad kid magically joins Arnold Schwarzenegger on the silver screen. Noisy mess that squanders its few good ideas. John McTiernan directs.
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THE LAST BOLSHEVIK: Chris Marker's fascinating portrait of the life and times of Alexander Medvedkin, oddball Russian film director.
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MAD DOG AND GLORY (15): Gangster Bill Murray rewards forlorn drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week. Bewitching off-beat comic romance; director, John McNaughton.
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MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15): A love triangle jumps across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward.
Minema (071-235 4225) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

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Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

RED ROCK WEST (15): Enjoyable thriller, with Nicolas Cage sucked into a whirlpool of greed and deceit. Dennis Hopper, Lara Flynn Boyle, J.T. Walsh; director, John Dahl.
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THE SNAPPER (15): Roddy Doyle's raucous tale of an unexpected pregnancy. Strong performances (Tina Kellegher, Colm Meaney), though Stephen Frears's film suits television best.
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TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES III (PG): The turtles land in 17th-century Japan, only to find mundane adventure. Writer-director, Stuart Gillard.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Mezzanine** (0426 915683).

TOM AND JERRY — THE MOVIE (U): Limp feature debut of MGM's battling duo: they talk, they sing and, heaven forbid, become bosom buddies. Director, Phil Roman.
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CRAZY FOR YOU: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm.

THE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND CAPITAL PUNISHMENT OF ANIMALS: A barely believable custom, still practised today by certain peoples. Ricci Harnett repeats his heartbreaking performance as a dog tortured for suspected sodomy. Not for the squeamish.
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat 4.30pm. Until Aug 14.

THE DEVIL'S ONLY SLEEPING: Nick Stafford's murky drama, first seen in Birmingham, of jealousy between siblings, leading to fratricide and parricide. Greek tragedy for the 1990s. Last week.
Cockpit, Gateforth Street, NW8 (071-402 5081). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

Young talent: the sparky British pianist, Julian Joseph, plays at the prestigious Brecon Jazz festival (see Music)

ELEGIES FOR ANGELS, PUNKS AND RAGING QUEENS: A tribute in verse and song to Americans dead from Aids. Soft-centred though sometimes poignant.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 6pm and 8.45pm, Sat, 4.30pm and 8pm.

GODSPELL: Candy-flavoured Christianity. The 1970s hit revived for a month, with Andy Crane, Gemma Craven.
Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tues-Sun, 7.30pm, plus a final performance Mon, Aug 30, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 3pm. Until Aug 30.

GORMENGHAST: The David Glass Ensemble offer their thrilling version of Mervyn Peake.
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat (Aug 21, 28), 2.30pm.

GREASE: Energetic, well-danced revival taking a nostalgic look at the innocent 1950s.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

Anton Rodgers: starring in the play *Time of My Life*

HERE: Iain Glen, Teresa Banham, Brenda Bruce in new Michael Frayn play: the anxieties of moving into a new home, the implications of a bed here and not there.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Limited run, ends Sept 11.

HOT STUFF: The glitter and glam of the 1970s, the soul and the funk, given a Faustian storyline to link the songs. Moneyspinning compilation musical from Paul Kerryson.
Cambridge, Earlham St, WC2 (071-494 5040). Previews from Wed 8pm. Opens Aug 18, 7pm. Then Mon-Thurs. 8pm, Fri and Sat, 5.30 and 8.30pm.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm.

JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK: Return of the acclaimed Gate Theatre, Dublin, production after its run at the Albery. Last week.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-836 1116). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed (tonight, Aug 4, 11 only), 2.30pm and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Aug 14.

THE LAST YANKEE: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Matthew Marsh lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

L.O.V.E.: Volcano Theatre's mind-rocking version of Shakespeare's sonnets. Three players and much fighting and loving. Prior to international tour.
Purcell Room, South Bank Centre, SE1 (071-928 8800). Opens Fri, 8pm, three performances only, Sat and Sun, 8pm. Until Aug 15

THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III: Revival of Alan Bennett's clever history play. Nigel Hawthorne returns in the performance of his life.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2.15pm and 7.30pm.

MARVIN'S ROOM: Alison Steadman as a kindhearted Florida woman facing up to mortality in Scott McPherson's excellent, sane quirky play.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

THE ODYSSEY: Ron Cook plays the traveller in Derek Walcott's mighty version of the old epic.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm.

OLEANNA: David Suchet, Lia Williams in Mamet's blistering new play set in an American college.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

SEPARATE TABLES: Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heart-felt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of the Rattigan play.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

SUNSET BOULEVARD: Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd Webber's success, less cynical than the Wilder film but a thrilling occasion. Trevor Nunn directs.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm.

TIME OF MY LIFE: One of Ayckbourn's best family plays, set in three different restaurants and roving back and forth in time. Anton Rodgers and Gwen Taylor play the older couple, the others are unchanged from the excellent Scarborough cast.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

THE WINTER'S TALE: John Nettles, Samantha Bond and Richard McCabe in a sublimely moving production of Shakespeare's redemptive drama.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm.

REGIONAL

CHICHESTER: Prunella Scales plays Dolly Levi, and Frank Lazarus the merchant of Yonkers in *The Matchmaker*; Thornton Wilder's version of Nestroy's version of John Oxenford's version of Plautus.
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park (0243 781312). Previews Mon-Wed, 7.30pm and mat Thurs, 2.30pm. Opens Thurs, 7pm. Then in repertoire with *Pickwick*.

OXFORD: Oxford Stage Company returns home for the second leg of its five-month tour of *Pericles* and *The Comedy of Errors*.
Playhouse, Beaumont Street (0865 798600). Opens Wed, 7.30pm with *Pericles*; Thurs mat, 2.30pm, Fri, 8pm. *Comedy*: Thurs, 7.30pm and next Sat, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Continues here until Aug 28, then to the Arundel Festival.

STRATFORD UPON AVON: Alec McCowen returns to Stratford after 30 years to play Prospero in Sam Mendes's production of *The Tempest*. Simon Russell Beale as Ariel.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, (0789 295623). Previews today 1.30pm and 7.30pm, Mon and Tues, 7.30pm. Opens Wed, 7pm. Then in repertoire with *King Lear* and *Merchant of Venice*.

STRATFORD UPON AVON: Debra Gillett plays the title role and Jeremy Northam is the resourceful Homer in Wycherley's *The Country Wife*. The director is Max Stafford.
Swan Theatre (0789 295623). Previews today, 1.30pm and 7.30pm, Mon, 7.30pm. Opens Tues, 7pm. Then in repertoire with *Murder in the Cathedral* and *The Venetian Twins*.

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

PROMS: TONIGHT at 7.30pm the BBC Symphony Orchestra has a chance to repeat the Straussian success it enjoyed with *Elektra* on the opening night of this year's season. Tonight's programme opens with *Death and Transfiguration*, and continues with a performance of the closing scene from *Salome*, in which the orchestra will be joined by vocal soloists including Mana Ewing, one of the finest interpreters of the opera's title role. After the interval there is Shostakovich's rousing Fifth Symphony. Mark Wigglesworth conducts.
TOMORROW at 7pm the veteran pianist Shura Cherkassky joins the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain under Matthias Bamert for an ambitious and intelligent programme which begins and ends with performances of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* — once in its original solo piano version and once in Ravel's orchestration — and which also includes Gershwin's Piano Concerto and *Gawain's Journey* by Sir Harrison Birtwistle. On MONDAY at 7.30pm there is more Mussorgsky — the *Songs and Dances of Death*, orchestrated by Shostakovich and sung by the acclaimed young baritone Dmitri Hvorostovsky — from another youth orchestra, this time the Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra, east European counterpart to the ECYO, conducted by Claudio Abbado. After the interval, the main work on the programme is Bruckner's Symphony No 5. Among the week's other highlights are performances of Szymanowski's exotic Symphony No 3 "The Song of Night", performed by the Philharmonia under Claus Peter Flor on TUESDAY (7.30pm); and Stravinsky's 1934 melodrama *Persephone*, in which David Atherton conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra on WEDNESDAY (7.30pm).
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 (071-589 8212).

OPERA

TURN OF THE SCREW: In a departure from his usual role as one of today's finest accompanists, the pianist Roger Vignoles turns conductor when he directs the Bournemouth Sinfonietta in this new staging of Britten's version of Henry James's chilling ghost story. The production by Bath and Wessex Opera (formerly known as Bath City Opera) is directed by Olivia Fuchs of Opera Factory Zurich, and the cast includes Nigel Robson and Janis Kelly.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose, Bath (0225 448844), tomorrow, Tues, Thurs, next Sat, 7.30pm.

TOSCA/DON GIOVANNI: English Heritage's programme of opera performances among historic ruins continues this weekend as Opera Box's productions of Puccini's tragedy and Mozart's dark comedy arrive in Suffolk.
Framlingham Castle, Suffolk (0728 724189), today (*Tosca*, sung in Italian), tomorrow (*Don Giovanni*, in English). Information on future performances (071-973 3427).

ROCK

U2: The Irish mega band, now on the UK leg of their European tour, are promoting their latest album *Zooropa*, an uneasy mixture of weird samples and good old-fashioned rock. Strong support comes from soulful British rappers the Stereo MCs. At Wembley this week. PJ Harvey will take their place.
Glasgow, Celtic Park (041-227 5511), today and tomorrow, 4pm. **London**, Wembley Stadium (081-900 1234), Wed, Thurs, 4pm.

A WORLD IN THE PARK: This one-day Womad event replaces the previously advertised concerts which were to be held over two Sundays. Womad Impresario Peter Gabriel, with an intense new album, *Us*, heads an international line-up including roots reggae band Inner Circle, former Ultravox member Midge Ure, the Bhundu Boys from Zimbabwe and the king of palm wine guitar music, S.E. Rogie.
Royal Victoria Park, Bath (0372 299 008), tomorrow, 11am-approx 10.30pm.

JAZZ

BRECON JAZZ '93: Tenth anniversary festival. The event kicks off on Friday (Market Hall, 8pm) with Lionel Hampton and the Golden Men of Jazz, including such heavyweights as James Moody, Clark Terry, Arvell Shaw and Sweets Edison. At the Guild Hall on the same day at 8.30pm and 11pm, there will be performances by the sparky young British pianist, Julian Joseph, who also shows up at London's Jazz Cafe (071-916 6000) this Tuesday.
Brecon, Powys (0874 625 557), Fri to next Sun.

SCOTT HAMILTON QUARTET: Now nearing 40, this mainstream tenor saxophonist has always boasted a maturity beyond his years.
Pizza Express, London, W1 (071-437 9595), Wed and Thurs, 7.45pm.

EDINBURGH JAZZ FESTIVAL: This week-long festival includes appearances from American guitarist Howard Alden, rhythm guitarist and singer Marty Grosz and the voice of the British Rail ads, Leon Redbone.
Jazz Festival Box Office Adam House, Chambers Street, Edinburgh (031-650 8200), today to next Sat.

DANCE

ROMEO AND JULIET: Londoners have had their choice of three *Romeo and Juliets* this summer. Been and gone is the Kirov's original Lavrovsky version. Today there are two final performances of Birmingham Royal Ballet's redesigned MacMillan production — the most passionate of them all. Then on Monday English National Ballet devotes the third week of its Festival Hall season to Ashton's cooler and more lyrical version. The South Bank run features guest appearances by Trinidad Sevillano and Patrick Armand (from the Boston Ballet) and Wes Chapman from American Ballet Theatre.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066), today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), Mon to next Sat. 7.30pm, mats Wed, next Sat, 2.30pm.

PRAGUE FESTIVAL BALLET: After a brief appearance in London last year, the company returns for a national British tour that brings not the usual recycled 19th-century Russian classics, but a mixed programme of neo-classical ballets by East European choreographers. The company's director, David Slobaspyckyj, premieres a new work (*Love Lessons*) and brings back the erotic *Silent Whispers* from last year. The third work is a commission from the Romanian Alice Necsea, whose *Serenade Opus 5* is set to music by the Slovak composer Eugen Suchon.
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865 244544), tonight, 7.30pm.
Corn Exchange, Cambridge (0223 357851), tomorrow, 8pm.
Royal Hall, Harrogate International Festival (0423 565757). Tues, 8pm.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), Wed, 7.45pm.

Neo-classical: a pair from the Prague Festival Ballet

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

POSITIVE LIVES: The most prominent in the Photographer's Gallery's new constellation of exhibitions is a documentation of society's response to HIV and Aids. Thirteen photo-journalists from Network Photographers have each been commissioned to explore a particular area, such as the effects on families and in prison, and the response of the Church.
The Photographers' Gallery, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-831 1772), Tues-Sat, 11am-7pm, until Sept 18.

ARATJARA. A show of contemporary Aboriginal art, which may use traditional form but is more likely to reinterpret traditional images in modern media.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1 (071-261 0127). Daily 10am-6pm (Tues-Wed to 8pm), until Oct 10.

BURNE-JONES: After a period of neglect, Edward Burne-Jones is receiving increasing critical attention these days. Virtually self-taught, he belongs to the second, more openly symbolist phase of Pre-Raphaelitism, and has many connections with the Arts and Crafts movement.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until Nov 7.

PICTURES IN PICTURES: The second of the National Gallery's new series of small shows "Themes and Variations" draws on the gallery's collection to indicate the different ways a variety of painters from Vermeer to Degas have used pictures as more or less significant props in interiors.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, 2-6pm, until Sept 19.

PISSARRO: THE IMPRESSIONIST AND THE CITY: In the last decade of his life (1893-1903) Pissarro virtually forsook the rural themes of his earlier work for an extended consideration of the Paris street scene. This show of more than 60 of his paintings makes a case for his sense of painting in series.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, until Oct 10.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS: The avant-garde ceramist Janice Tchalenko has combined forces with two artists from the *Spitting Image* workshop, Roger Law and Pablo Bach, to create seven grotesque vessels offering a contemporary visualisation of the *Seven Deadly Sins*.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (071-938 8500). Mon, midday-5.50pm, Tues-Sun, 10am-5.50pm, until Sept 19.

TURNER'S PAINTING TECHNIQUES: The latest in the Tate Gallery's temporary shows of Turner's work concentrates on the evolution of his technique, from his fairly traditional beginnings to his later freer works.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, until Oct 10.

ALAN DAVIE: The Scottish painter, now 73, first came to prominence in the Fifties with a series of free-form abstract paintings very much in the more advanced spirit of the times. Since then he has ploughed a solitary furrow, making work which is symbolic rather than abstract.
Barbican Art Gallery, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 4141). Mon, Wed-Sat, 10am-6.45pm, Tues, 10am-5.45pm, Sun, midday-6.45pm, until Sept 5.

THOMAS GAMBIER PARRY: Parry (1816-88) was early among British collectors (and indeed collectors in general) to start seriously collecting Italian Primitives. He bought his first 15th-century painting in 1849, and during the next 15 years he amassed an impressive selection of paintings, ivories, enamels and majolica. This show gives a picture of him as a collector, but concentrates more on his own work as a watercolourist, antiquarian and inventor.
Courtauld Institute Galleries, Somerset House, The Strand, WC2 (071-873 2526). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until Sept 1.

PARADISE: The Wahgi tribe of Papua New Guinea encountered modern man for the first time just 60 years ago. This exhibition examines through documents and artefacts the way the Wahgi have changed, and the ways in which they have kept continuity
Museum of Mankind, Burlington Gardens, W1 (071-323 8043). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, until Dec 11 1994.

REGIONAL

THE WAKING DREAM: The Gilman Paper Company Collection is one of the richest and most extensive private archives of photographic art in the world, but relatively little known to the public. This show, illustrating photography's first century, comes straight from the Metropolitan Museum, New York, and ranges from the topographical to the surrealistic, taking in the photographer as reporter as well as the photographer as abstractionist.
City Art Centre, Market Street, Edinburgh (031-225 2424). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 12-5pm, today until Oct 2.

NO MORE HEROES ANYMORE: Though it is still little realised, the Imperial War Museum has one of the finest collections of 20th-century British art: very few artists of any significance have been left totally unaffected by two world wars. And the tradition continues today, with war-connected work of such painters as Peter Howson and John Keane, sculptors Denis Mast and Bill Woodrow. A generous selection of recent acquisitions is on loan for the Edinburgh Festival.
Royal Scottish Academy, The Mount, Edinburgh (031-225 6671). Mon-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm; during Festival (Aug 15-Sept 4), Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 11am-6pm, from Wed until Sept 12

THE POWER OF THE MASK: The Royal Museum of Scotland's big festival show this year is devoted to the mask, viewed in three different cultural contexts: play, ritual and carnival. The combination of recognisability and otherness, the way that the mask both limits and liberates its wearer, are invoked through examples from a wide variety of periods and cultures
Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh (031-225 7534). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, midday-5pm, from Thurs to Oct 31.

HOLBEIN AND THE COURT OF HENRY VIII: The Scottish National Gallery's summer show to coincide with the Edinburgh Festival evokes the relationship of Hans Holbein the Younger and the English Court, featuring many famous and less well-known images, painted and drawn, from the Royal Library, Windsor. The drawings are brilliantly perceptive, the miniatures a rare delight.
National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2pm-5pm. During Festival, Aug 15-Sept 4, Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 11am-6pm, until Sept 26.

THE SUSSEX SCENE: What sounds like an exercise in local history proves to be a microcosm of 20th-century British landscape art. An amazing number and variety of important artists, from Sickert to Jackowski, have visited or lived in the county; perhaps the most striking remain Eric Gill, Paul Nash, Ivon Hitchens and Edward Burra. The exhibition of more than 100 works is divided in two halves. Until August 22, Part 1 is at Eastbourne and Part 2, Hove, swapping over from August 28-October 10.
Hove Museum and Art Gallery, 10 New Church Street, Hove (0273 779410). Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat, 10am-4.30pm, Sun, 2-5pm.
Towner Art Gallery, High Street, Old Town, Eastbourne (0323 411688). Wed-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, Bank Holiday Mondays, 2-5pm.

THE QUEEN IS CROWNED: Marking the 40th anniversary of the Queen's coronation, this show re-creates the London of 1953, featuring art, photographs and memorabilia of the coronation.
Albert Memorial Chapel, Windsor Castle (0753 860629). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, until Aug 30.

FROM VIEW TO VISION: The Whitworth Art Gallery's contribution to the Year of the Watercolour is, properly enough, a selection from its own collection from 1750 to 1850, Sandby to late Turner.
Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273 4865). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm (Thurs to 9pm), until Oct 2.

MY IMAGINATION TOOK A JOURNEY: The Fitzwilliam has one of the world's largest holdings of drawings by George Romney. Though he is remembered as a portrait painter, his drawings take us into a far stormier world.
Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge (0223 332900). Tues-Fri, 2-5pm, Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.15-5pm, until Sept 19.

NEW VIDEOS

BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA (10:20 Vision, 18): Gary Oldman as the Transylvanian legend, preying on Victorian London. Visually audacious, thanks to director Francis Coppola and his wizard technicians, but cold to the touch. With Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder. 1992.

EALING COMEDIES (Warner, U): Take your pick from the Ealing studios. There are gold-plated classics such as *Kind Hearts and Coronets*, *The Ladykillers*, *Whisky Galore!*, *Passport to Pimlico*, *The Lavender Hill Mob* and *The Man in the White Suit*. Plus the overly whimsical *Titfield Thunderbolt* (ideal for steam train buffs), and the awkward *The Magnet*, with a young James Fox.

Lust: Ryder and Oldman in *Bram Stoker's Dracula*

YOL (Artificial Eye, 15). Turkish prisoners are given a week's leave. A fiery, moving film by Serif Gören from a script by jailed Yilmaz Güney. 1982.

BOOKINGS

CINDERELLA: Northern Ballet Theatre is to stage the world premiere of Christopher Gable's *Cinderella* in September. Beneath the surface beauty of the tale lurks a dark, dour presence which threatens the familiar heroine. Inspired by one of the best known works published by the Brothers Grimm, this new interpretation features a specially commissioned classical score by Philip Feeney and marks the choreographic debut of NBT's artistic director, Christopher Gable.
Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield (0742 769922). Opens Sept 27, until Oct 2.

PERESTROIKA. The second part of Tony Kushner's *Angels in America, A Gay Fantasia on National Themes*, is to have its British premiere in London in November. Part I, *Millennium Approaches*, is also to be revived. Postal booking opens this week (Monday) for both performances. Telephone bookings will begin in September.
National Theatre, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 2252). Previews Nov 12 (*Perestroika*), and Nov 3 (*Millennium Approaches*), then in repertoire.

ENGLISH TOURING OPERA: The company's autumn tour is to commence in Bath in October with a new production of Donizetti's *L'elisir d'amore*, directed by Stephen Medcalf, touring in repertory with a revival of Clare Venables's production of Mozart's *Cosi fan tutte*. Both productions are in English.
Theatre Royal, Bath (0225 448844), Oct 19-23; **Victoria Theatre**, Halifax (0422 351158), Oct 25 and 26; **Theatre Royal**, York (0904 623568), Oct 28-30; **Opera House**, Buxton (0298 72190), Nov 1 and 2; **Marlowe Theatre**, Canterbury (0227 767246), Nov 9-13; **Lyceum Theatre**, Crewe (0270 257804), Nov 19 and 20; **The Orchard**, Dartford (0322 220000), Nov 25-27. (Three further venues yet to announce commencement dates for bookings: **The Playhouse**, Weston-Super-Mare (0934 645544), Nov 16 and 17; **Arts Centre, University of Warwick**, Coventry (0203 524524), Nov 22 and 23; **Wycombe Swan**, High Wycombe (0494 512000), Nov 30-Dec 4.)

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WORD-WATCHING

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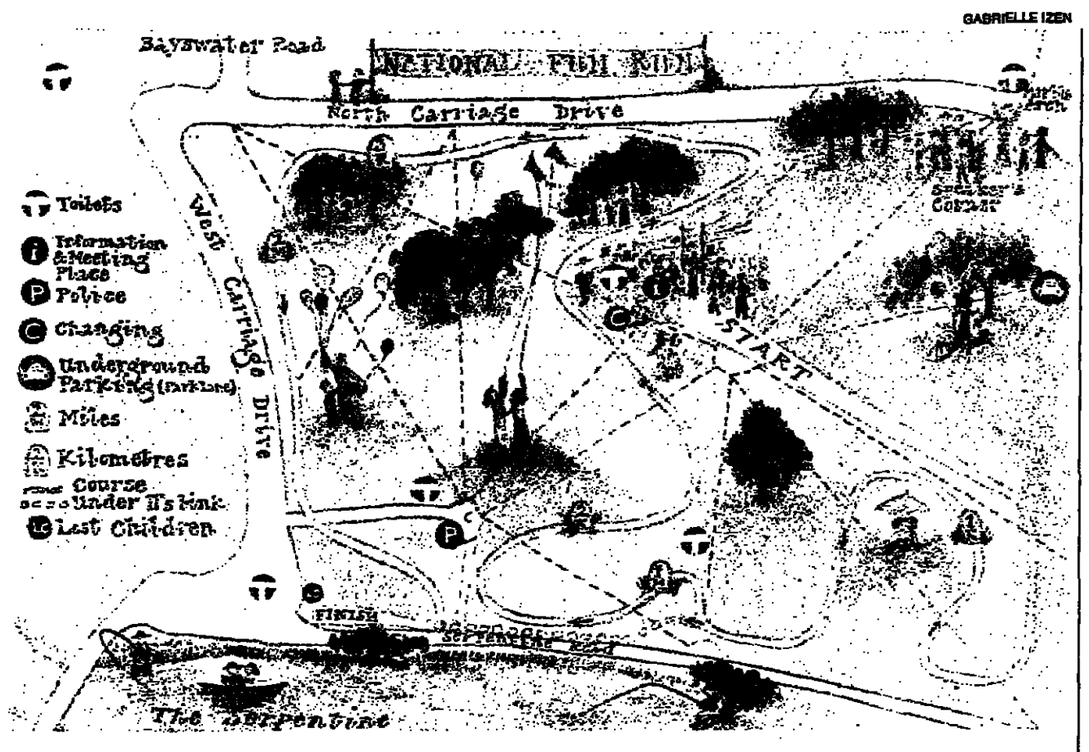
TNKY-PINKY
(b) Scottish: also *inkie-pinkie*, *inker-pinker* etc; [etym. obscure]. Small beer: The word occurs in the Hallowe'en play *Galatians*, (1835) Maidment *Galatians*: "Inky-Pinky about seventy or eighty years since was used by the brewers in Stirlingshire to designate the smallest kind of beer."

QUANDONG
(c) A small Australian tree, *Santalum acuminatum*, belonging to the family Santalaceae, and bearing racemes of small greenish-white flowers; also the globular red fruit of this tree. Also a forest tree found in north-eastern Australia, *Elaeocarpus grandis*, belonging to the family Elacocarpaceae.

NAVARIN
(c) French. A mutton stew made with small onions and potatoes. Also *navarin printanier*, a navarin made with spring vegetables. (1877) E. S. Dallas *Kettner's Book of Table*: "Navarin is a stupid word which has arisen from a desire to get rid of the unintelligible and misleading name, *Haricot de mouton*, without falling back on the vulgar phrase, *Ragoût de mouton*. It was at first selected with a thought of punning upon the *navet* or turnip, which is so prominent in the *Haricot de mouton*.

PISKUN
(a) Also *pishkun*: [ad. Black-foot *piskân*] An American Indian trap for buffalo, consisting of two converging lines of rock piles, a V-shaped natural canyon, or a timbered causeway leading to a steep drop, often with an enclosure or corral at the foot, over which the buffalo were stampeded: (1892) *Scribner's Magazine*:



GABRIELLE IZEN

Run for fun with the top athletes

John Goodbody introduces the sixteenth National Fun Run, to be held in London on September 26

The boom in running for fun has brought one of the biggest changes towards a healthy lifestyle that Britain has ever seen — and it all began with the first National Fun Run in the 1970s.

This year's event, jointly supported by *The Times* and Reebok, will be staged in Hyde Park, London, on Sunday September 26. It promises to be one of the biggest mass participation events of the year, with famous athletes starting alongside fun runners, for whom completing the 2½-mile course will be the summit of their physical ambitions.

The sixteenth Fun Run, organised by the London Marathon Ltd, is open to all comers, and will include a mass jog to end the day.

Over the years, some of the most celebrated names in athletics have taken part; people such as Emil Zatopek, who in 1952 became the only man to win the 5,000 metres, 10,000 metres and marathon at the same Olympic Games. A hero to many runners, he flew from Czechoslovakia to join the 1986 Fun Run. He presented an autographed photograph to José Waller, the extraordinary female marathon veteran, who first attracted acclaim when, at the age of 64, she won the over-60s category that year. Since then, she has defied age by running marathons in under four hours, despite being over 70.

Her refusal to believe that sport and excercise are only for the young exemplifies the ideals of the Fun Run.

Many people have taken a decisive step towards completing a marathon by participating in this fun event. For others, it has provided a focus for their running and an opportunity to meet fellow joggers in a festival of physical endeavour.

This year, entries are limited to 30,000 runners in 30 age categories — from children of eight years to veterans over 70 — with a maximum of 1,800 entrants in each age band. Many sports clubs and pubs like to enter a team, with a maximum of ten members, although everyone's name will appear in the results.

There are also events for two-generation teams (both parents and two of their children) and three-generation teams (a grandparent, parent and child). In the former category, a celebrated entry has been the Tullohs, with father Bruce, the former European 5,000 metres champion, who once ran across the United States, his wife, Sue, and their athletically gifted children.

This year, for the first time, there will be a junior jog: a short run down the course for children under eight. Certificates will be awarded; no entry fee is required for this event.

The climax to the seven-hour day, which begins at 10am, will be the mass jog, for which no performances or placings will be recorded, but everyone can run together.

● *For full details of the Fun Run and entry forms, send a stamped addressed envelope to Reebok/The Times National Fun Run, PO Box 3460, London SE1 8RZ, by Sept 13. Those who took part last year need not apply as they will be sent an entry form automatically.*

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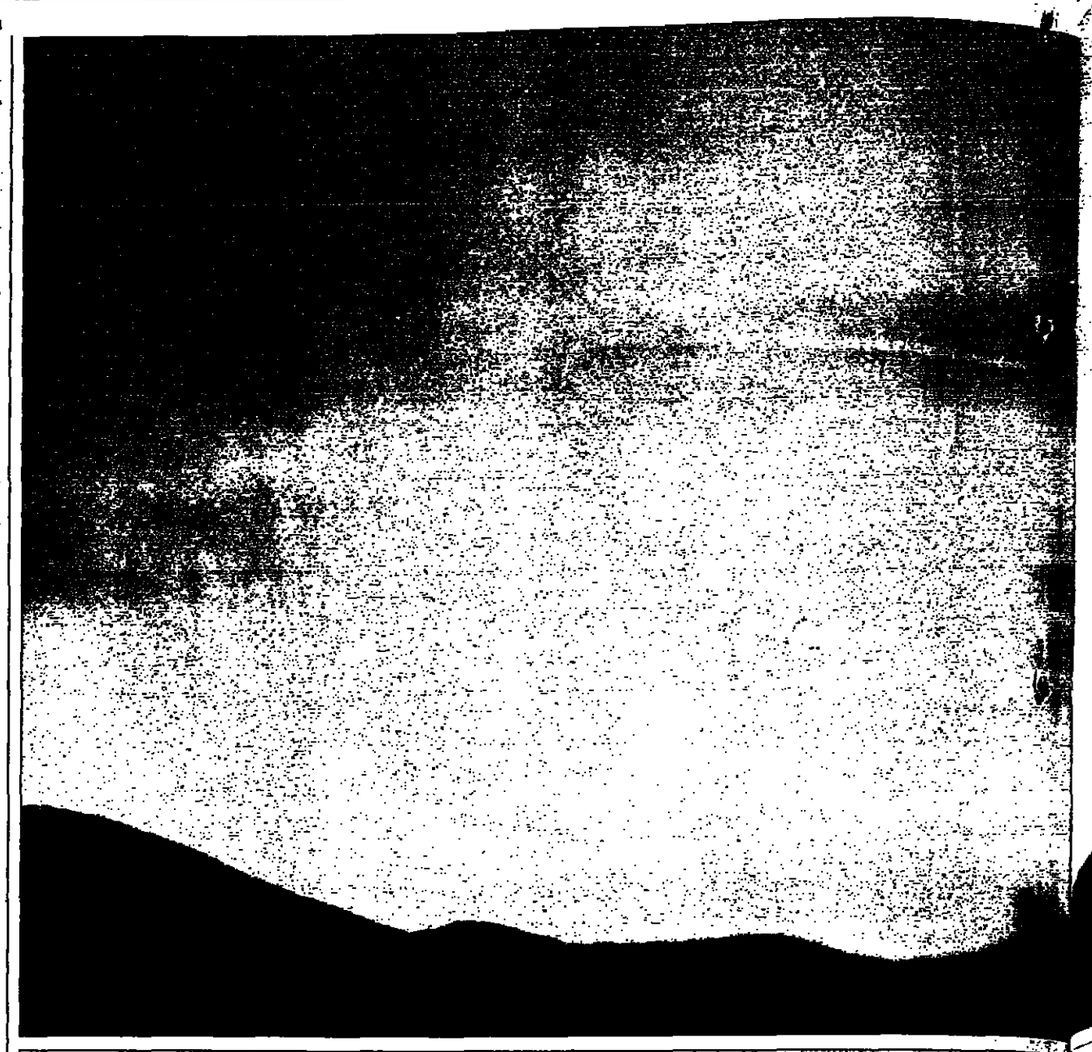


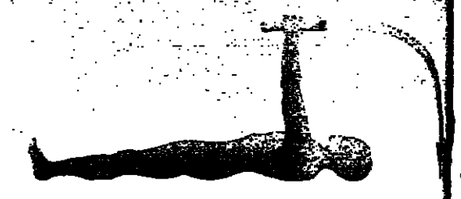
BUILDING STRENGTH: INCORPORATE THESE EXERCISES

TRAINING

Strength is important in all sports, including long-distance running. However, any exercise routine should supplement a running session and never replace it. The exercises described here can be done once or twice a week. Sessions will take less than 15 minutes and will help to build the basic strength that can help you to run faster and for longer. Do them while your bath is running, after your running session, or as part of your warm-up.

Exercise 1: Half squats. This exercise is for your upper legs. Stand upright with your arms in front of you for balance. Squat down as if you are going to sit on a chair, while keeping your back straight and your stomach tucked in. Do not let your thighs go below parallel. Repeat ten times and gradually build up until you can do three sets of 30 repetitions without difficulty.

Exercise 2: Pull-overs. This movement helps to develop the shoulders and upper back. Lie on your back, holding a heavy book or object at arm's length above your chest. Then, while keeping your arms straight, gradually lower them back behind your head, until your hands touch the ground. Breathe deeply. Exhale as you return your arms to the starting position. Repeat ten times. When the exercise becomes easy, increase the number of repetitions or the weight of the object you are holding. Eventually build up until you can do at least three sets of ten repetitions, with perhaps a minute's rest between each set.



500 apply for The Times *marathon teams*

APPLICATIONS to join one of the two *Times* teams for the NutraSweet London Marathon 1994 totalled nearly 500. Readers of all sorts and conditions, from teenagers to pensioners, described a surprising range of activities and reasons for wanting to join our training programme. Some explained that they were not very fit, because they only swam, danced and jogged three times a week. Others confessed to no more strenuous effort than pushing buttons on the TV remote control.

Once the provisional teams had been selected, candidates were asked to undergo a BUPA fitness test (of which more next month). Not everyone passed the test, a fact that underlines the necessity of checking with your doctor before undertaking any exercise programme. Thanks to all of you who applied.

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Mel Batty's team

You join not just the historic names of athletics, but thousands of ordinary men and women.
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Kate Turner, 29, Barbe "I have relatively good health, but overweight and smoke."

Richard Drabwell, Northwood "My height is 6ft 3in, weight 13 stone."

Chris Brasher's t

Dr Virginia Craig, 36, Plymouth: "No regular exercise but can manage 10-15 mile walks."

Alan Coton, 44, West M... "A pen-pusher. I want to London run because it ..."

Jolyon Gomersall, 21, Surrey: "Road runs every week and one marathon at school."

Christine Whitby, 4... "No sporting ... I am dirt, nobody ..."

Mick Dunstan, 46, Solihull: "I've given up smoking — and am two stones heavier than usual."

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The uphill road to boosting your strength

Marathon runners spend hours notching up the miles but often forget about improving strength. Part four of coach Mel Batty's training schedule looks at boosting leg power

Strength training is often neglected by long-distance runners, but it can make a significant contribution towards realising your potential. Although strength does not play such a major role in success for runners as it does for many other sportsmen and women, a few minutes devoted each week to the simple exercises illustrated below left will help you to increase your fitness and complete the marathon.

Remember that any strength training should supplement running, not replace it. The warm-up exercises demonstrated last month are more important, and a selection for each area of the body must be completed before every running session. However, once or twice a week finish those flexibility movements with some strength-gaining exercises, or alternatively try them at the end of the running session.

When I was competing in the 1960s, I would frequently build up my strength with sit-ups or press-ups. Eamonn Martin, winner of the 1993 NutraSweet London Marathon, used weight training in his formative years and still puts himself through the occasional strengthening exercise. Recently, after a spell without training because of injury, he returned to the track for his first running session and found that his arms tired before his legs. You need moderately strong arm, back and stomach muscles to maintain a good posture and to give you the necessary drive when running.

Weight training is not necessary for long-distance runners, but if you do use weights at a health club or gym, do not forget that to fulfil your potential you must concentrate on your running. Hours spent weight training will not help you complete a marathon as much as running training itself can.

MARATHON

You can increase your leg strength by walking or running uphill as part of your ordinary sessions. Our novice group of runners, who should still be walking briskly as part of their regular training, should try walking uphill during these sessions. The advanced group, who have already been introduced to "fartlek" (speed play) sessions, can include hill running in their outings. This resistance training should always be handled gently at first because the Achilles tendons are being forced to undergo a new range of movement.

During a fartlek session, always make sure your lower legs are well stretched both through the warm-up exercises and through earlier faster running, before you begin the uphill work. Choose a modest incline of about 150 yards. Run the full 150 yards and jog back down to the starting point twice, being careful not to go off too fast. Over the weeks and months you will be able to build up the number and intensity of these hill sessions.

Running uphill demands a different technique from flat ground. Lean into the hill, bring your knees up, and focus on a point about 20 yards ahead of you (usually you will be looking further into the distance).

If you live near sand dunes, try the occasional session of running up them, otherwise use roads or grass for your outing.

These sessions are very popular in athletics. Last winter my own club, Basildon AC, often took out a group of up to 30 runners for training together on nearby hills. The best session of my life was when, after a five-mile warm-up, I managed 28 hard runs flat out up a sloping road with a brief jog downhill after each.

Your legs will seem to turn to rubber but you will come across hills on your runs and you will have to get used to the ups and downs. These sessions are invaluable as a training aid.

The training schedule for our advanced group during August includes three weekly 35-minute running sessions plus one fartlek a week of about the same duration, in the course of which you should include some hill running.

For the novice group — those who have been following the less arduous schedule because they have not taken regular exercise — there will be a slight increase in the intensity of training this month as follows:

Walk/jog schedule

Week 1: Two 35-minute walking/gentle jogs and one 15-minute jog.
Week 2: Two 35-minute walking/gentle jogs and one 20 minute jog.
Week 3: Two 35-minute and one 22-minute jogs.
Week 4: Two 35-minute and one 25-minute jog.

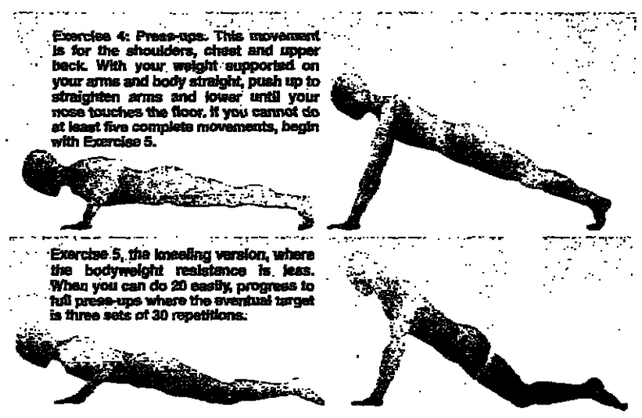
JOHN GOODBODY

EXERCISES FOR YOUR TRAINING PROGRAMME — BUT DON'T STOP THE RUNNING SESSIONS

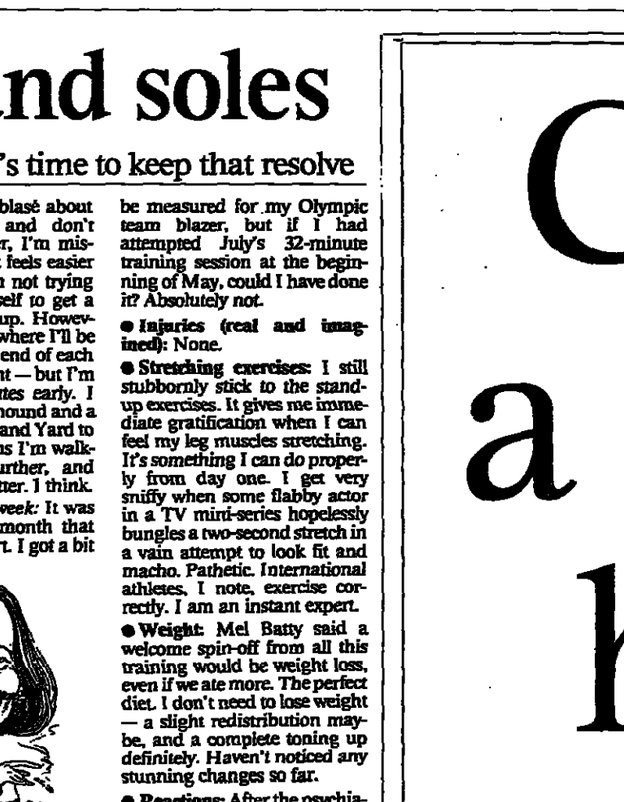
Always allow at least one day's rest between sessions. Just as in your running build-up, strength training must be increased gradually. Here is a simple routine, using your own bodyweight and no barbells or resistance machines, which are not really necessary at this stage of training. These exercises are designed to be done in your own home and at your convenience.

Exercise 3: Sit-ups. This exercises your stomach. Lie on your back with your knees bent and your arms on the floor, or on the front of your thighs. Curl up your body gradually, until your trunk is almost upright. Repeat five times. If you find difficulty in even doing one sit-up, try to find a slope and do the movement with your feet down the slope, so decreasing the resistance. Otherwise, build up eventually to a target of three sets of 30 repetitions.

Exercise 4: Press-ups. This movement is for the shoulders, chest and upper back. With your weight supported on your arms and body straight, push up to straighten arms and lower until your nose touches the floor. If you cannot do at least five complete movements, begin with Exercise 5.



Exercise 5, the kneeling version, where the bodyweight resistance is less. When you can do 20 easily, progress to full press-ups where the eventual target is three sets of 30 repetitions.



Of body and soles

Three months into training, it's time to keep that resolve

OK, LET'S go! I'm ready for whatever Mel Batty and John Goodbody care to toss my way.

Grab the Saturday paper, but it's a googly. Words and phrases like "Swedish fartlek", "sprinting", "nine-minute miles", "sub four- hour marathon" hit me straight between the eyes. Horrified, I freeze, like a B-movie actress who's just seen The Thing escaping under the laboratory door — or my fitness aspirations going down the tube. This may be exercise, Mel, but not as we know it. He cannot be serious. I'm not ready for any of this. My heart beats faster than on any training run.

The only "sub" in my vocabulary is the good Samaritan I would like sitting on the bench at the Tower of London next April, ready to take over.

"Then jog for five minutes as a recovery" — give me a break. To me, recovery means stopping and sitting down.

That's it, I'm history. The chances of me pursuing a marathon time under four hours are zero.

There must be some mistake. There is, and it's mine. I gulp some sweet tea (for the shock) and read the article again — properly. This strenuous Scandinavian stuff is not for the likes of me — yet — but strictly for the advanced "first division". July's schedule for the amateurs ignores the Swedes and their masochistic tendencies and keeps the ex-couch potatoes in the game with walking and gentle jogging — only more of it. This I can do.

Confidence is restored, as are the training shoes kicked under the bed. But I've seen the future and it's hard work. I promise myself that if I even consider a small whinge this month I'll remember how painful it might have been.

First week: Five-minute walk. Five-minute jog. Repeat. Extra two-minute jog. No problems. I'm helped by the cooler weather: I never could bring myself to rise at dawn last month to avoid the heat, and ended each session looking like I'd just yomped through the Burmese jungle.

Second week: Five-minute jog. Five-minute walk. Repeat. Extra five-minute jog. This week I made a small but satisfying discovery. Because my legs are becoming blasé about all this walking and don't constantly whimper, I'm misled into thinking it feels easier simply because I'm not trying so hard. I tell myself to get a grip and sharpen up. However, by now I know where I'll be on my route at the end of each five-minute segment — but I'm arriving two minutes early. I don't need a bloodhound and a staff pass into Scotland Yard to work out this means I'm walking faster and further, and therefore getting fitter. I think.

Third and fourth week: It was at this stage last month that everything fell apart. I got a bit

CHRISTINE WHEELER

above myself and rashly tried to jog the extra minutes mapped out for me, instead of being prudent and only increasing the walking. It didn't work. Accepting my limitations, I now aim for five-minute walk, five-minute jog. Repeat, plus a five-minute walk, three-minute jog. That's better. During the fourth week, I sneakily add a minute to the last four sections hoping my body won't notice the difference. It doesn't.

Fifth week: Insufficient data. We haven't been given a schedule, so Captain Sensible shows no initiative whatsoever and merely repeats last week's programme. Sorry, but this is no time for heroics.

WE ARE now three months into the training and it's time for my first status report.

● **Athletic achievement:** More than I thought. At the end of a training walk/jog last week I mentally retraced my route through the park, and was surprised by the distance I had covered with comparative ease. OK, so I'm not quite ready to be measured for my Olympic team blazer, but if I had attempted July's 32-minute training session at the beginning of May, could I have done it? Absolutely not.

● **Injuries (real and imagined):** None.

● **Stretching exercises:** I still stubbornly stick to the stand-up exercises. It gives me immediate gratification when I can feel my leg muscles stretching. It's something I can do properly from day one. I get very sniffy when some flabby actor in a TV mini-series hopelessly bungles a two-second stretch in a vain attempt to look fit and macho. Pathetic. International athletes, I note, exercise correctly. I am an instant expert.

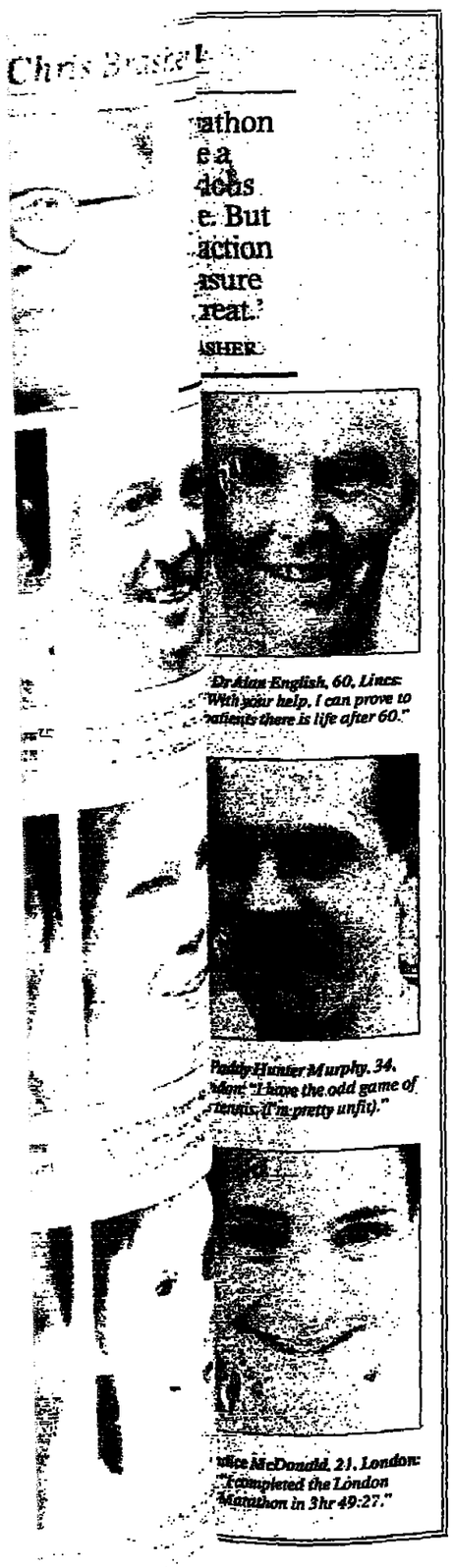
● **Weight:** Mel Batty said a welcome spin-off from all this training would be weight loss, even if we ate more. The perfect diet. I don't need to lose weight — a slight redistribution maybe, and a complete toning up definitely. Haven't noticed any stunning changes so far.

● **Reactions:** After the psychiatrist has seen me I should redirect him to my family and friends, where he will gather enough data to fill a boxful of floppy disks. Reactions to my previously untapped sporting prowess are, well, strange.

Some are in denial, thinking that if they ignore "this fitness thing" it will burn itself out, like a virus. Others assume I have come over all hearty and will now turn up at all social occasions wearing a tracksuit and carrying a nylon holdall. Some try to be encouraging: "Oh, I see, if Eamonn Martin is the Ferrari, you're the Morris Minor." My brother launches into a bad impersonation of a David Coleman race commentary every time I see him: "Here she comes, overtaking the garden shed, it's a silver for Wapping, just behind the tortoise, extraordinary!" Everyone thinks I'm mad.

I've heard most of the jogging jokes and all the jogging myths, none of which have a happy ending.

● **Conclusion:** For someone born to languish I'm showing remarkable resolve. So remarkable that I've been selected to run in the London Marathon — in Chris Brasher's *Times* team.



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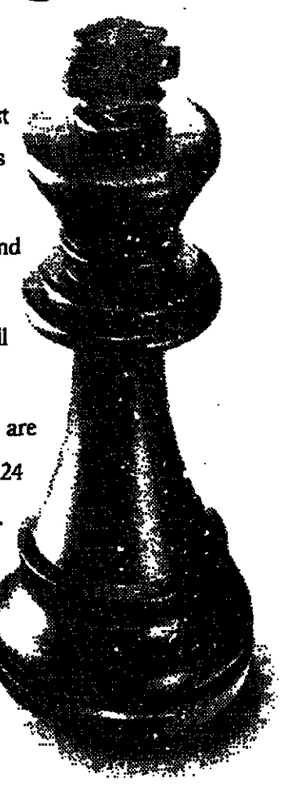
Dr Alan English, 60, Lincs: "With your help, I can prove to patients there is life after 60."

Paddy Hunter Murphy, 34, Manc: "I have the odd game of tennis (I'm pretty unfit)."

Alice McDonald, 21, London: "Completed the London Marathon in 3hr 49:27."

Capture a piece of history.



Watch chess history in the making, as Nigel Short, the first ever British challenger for the World Chess Championship, takes on Garry Kasparov, perhaps the greatest champion ever.

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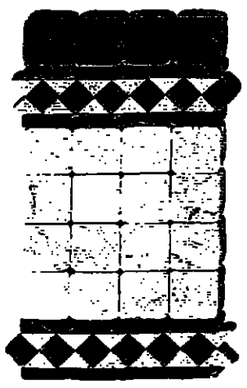
Time to get back to the stone age

James Hepburn gets down to some hard floor ideas

Rock of ages: classic Roman marble mosaic



Check points: Spanish design in tumbled marble

For thousands of years it was easy to design a floor. If you wanted a carpet, you let the grass grow under the roof of your hut. If you wanted a hard floor, you stripped off the topsoil and asked the neighbours round to stomp down the mud.

Those days of innocence are gone. To choose a hard floor now needs the resources of a research institute.

The cheapest and easiest method is to pull up the carpet and call whatever you find underneath your new floor. If this is concrete, you have become a super-minimalist. If you find boards, you have arrived at the cutting edge of modern design.

The new theory of floors is that they should be a blank page. *Elle Decoration* is not the *nom de guerre* of a Mexican bandit. It is a magazine devoted to interior style, with features on the homes of designers. Almost all have bare floorboards. There was a time when bare boards said that you could not afford linoleum. Now, bare boards say that you can't afford to be thought vulgar. But what do you do if you have ambitions to go beyond boards?

The Pisani premises in Woolwich on the south bank of the Thames might be mistaken for a set from *The Sweeney* — a derelict warehouse on waste ground, looking across the river to the Tate and Lyle sugar refinery. Between the warehouse and the mobile offices is a yard the size of a football pitch, stacked with huge slices of marble and granite.

Pisani is a trade supplier of stone. Before I went to Woolwich, stone meant nothing to me. After two hours in the Pisani yard, I wanted to tile my dog with marble.

Marble has a reputation for coldness and magnificence. It deserves the magnificence. Pisani is working on a 50-year contract to renovate the floor beneath the dome of St Paul's Cathedral. As for coldness, there were slabs in the Pisani yard which turned my philistine heart to mush.

Whatever else marble may be, it is not British. Not everyone sees its charm. There is a feeling that foreign imports are suited only to foreign light. In the pale British sun they pine, lose their sheen and dream moodily of home. In the past few years there has been a resurgence in the popularity of traditional British stones.

Richard O'Grady runs Stone Age, dealers in limestone and sandstone, with his brother, Jo. He believes in matching the home stone. Only native rock can reproduce the feel of a flagged farm kitchen. For more sophistication, you can form a check with off-white Italian and Irish black stone. There is nothing in limestone or sandstone to stir the blood like the Turkish pink in the Pisani yard, but there is solid British virtue. Sadly, the stones tend to come from the Continent, because British quarries rarely cut fine enough for use in houses.

There are problems with stone. Limestone and marble, especially, are porous. If you want to press grapes on the floor or change the oil in your motorbike, you should be prepared for some interesting effects. However, the dealer can always recommend products with little or no risk of staining.

If treated with care, stone improves with age. It would have been easier to have floored St Paul's with lino, but lino, for all its many qualities, does not wear easily from generation to generation.

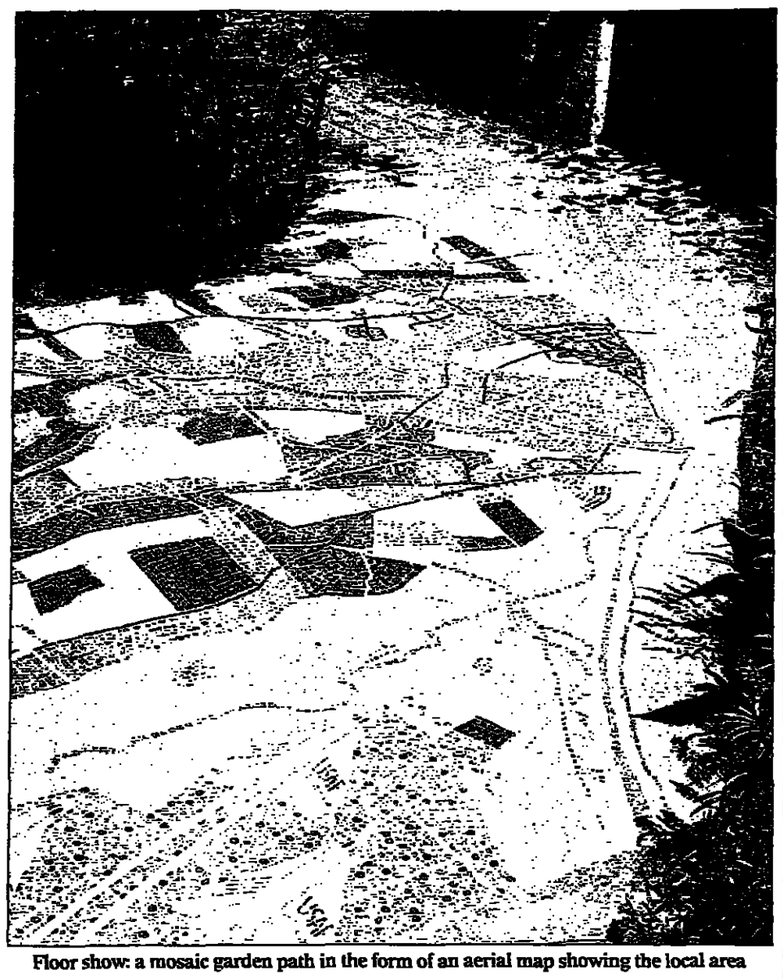
The great advantage of lino, of course, is that neither does it pass overdrafts down from generation to generation. Stone is expensive to buy. There is hardly anything available for less than £25 a square metre. Marble begins at around £50 a square metre, but to floor a smallish kitchen with blue-veined Bahia Azul could cost £15,000.

Stone is also costly to lay: around £15 a square metre for a professional job. Lino and the huge range of new synthetic materials are available in high street stores at about a tenth of the price, don't need a PhD in mechanical engineering to lay and, with some of the more imaginative ranges, can revolutionise a room.

If neither the pure nor the synthetic suit you, there are always tiles. With tiles you can invent your own culture and move to your own country. The very good and the very unusual are very expensive. A single hand-painted Italian tile can cost £150 or more. A set of 24 reproductions from the floor of the Vaselli Chapel in Bologna Cathedral costs £250. But there is plenty between these and the white ceramic on the walls of the London Underground. You can buy ornate borders and fill them with plain white. You can walk on France or Tuscany or Mexico. You can do exactly what you like. It's your house.

Of course, despite all these choices you may find nothing quite fits your ideas. Don't despair — design your own floor and commission a mosaic. But mosiacs are not for the faint-hearted. At the Mosaic Workshop, prices start at £500 a square metre, but for that you do get a hell of a floor, or as much of a hell of a floor as you can handle. Probably the workshop's finest hour is a garden path in the form of an aerial map of the local area. This may be the last word in floors. It is certainly mine.

Next week: Soft floors.



Floor show: a mosaic garden path in the form of an aerial map showing the local area

The good hard floor guide

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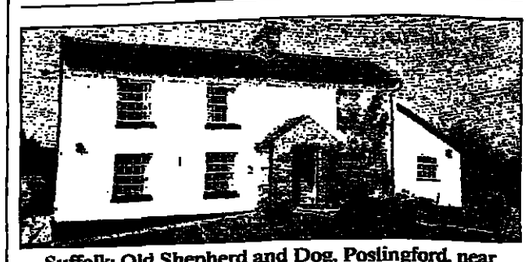
☐ **Mosaics:** Mosaic Workshop, 071-263 2997.

Cottages with fanciful names catch **Cheryl Taylor**'s eye this week



Suffolk: Old Shepherd and Dog, Postlingford, near Clare. Detached house (formerly the village inn) in the heart of the village, with lawned gardens, large patio and wooden pergola. The house has four bedrooms, bathroom with en suite shower-room, four reception rooms, fitted kitchen, utility room and garage. About £119,950 (GA Property Services, 0787 277107).

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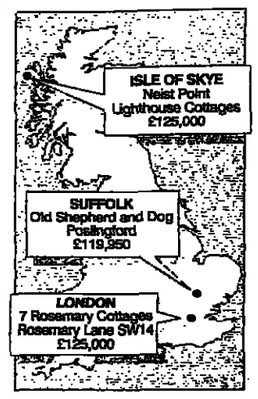

Scotland: Neist Point Lighthouse Cottages, Isle of Skye. Three adjoining lighthouse keeper's cottages (refurbished and fully furnished), with panoramic views to the Outer Hebrides. Each cottage comprises three bedrooms, bathroom, entrance hall, lounge and kitchen. Shared laundry room and games hall. About £125,000 (GA Property Services, 0463 221166).

London: 7 Rosemary Cottages, Rosemary Lane, SW14. Attractive 19th-century terraced cottage with lawned rear garden, about a mile from Richmond Park. Two bedrooms, bathroom, two beamed reception rooms, fitted kitchen. About £125,000 for a 140-year lease (Winkworth, 081-876 1134).

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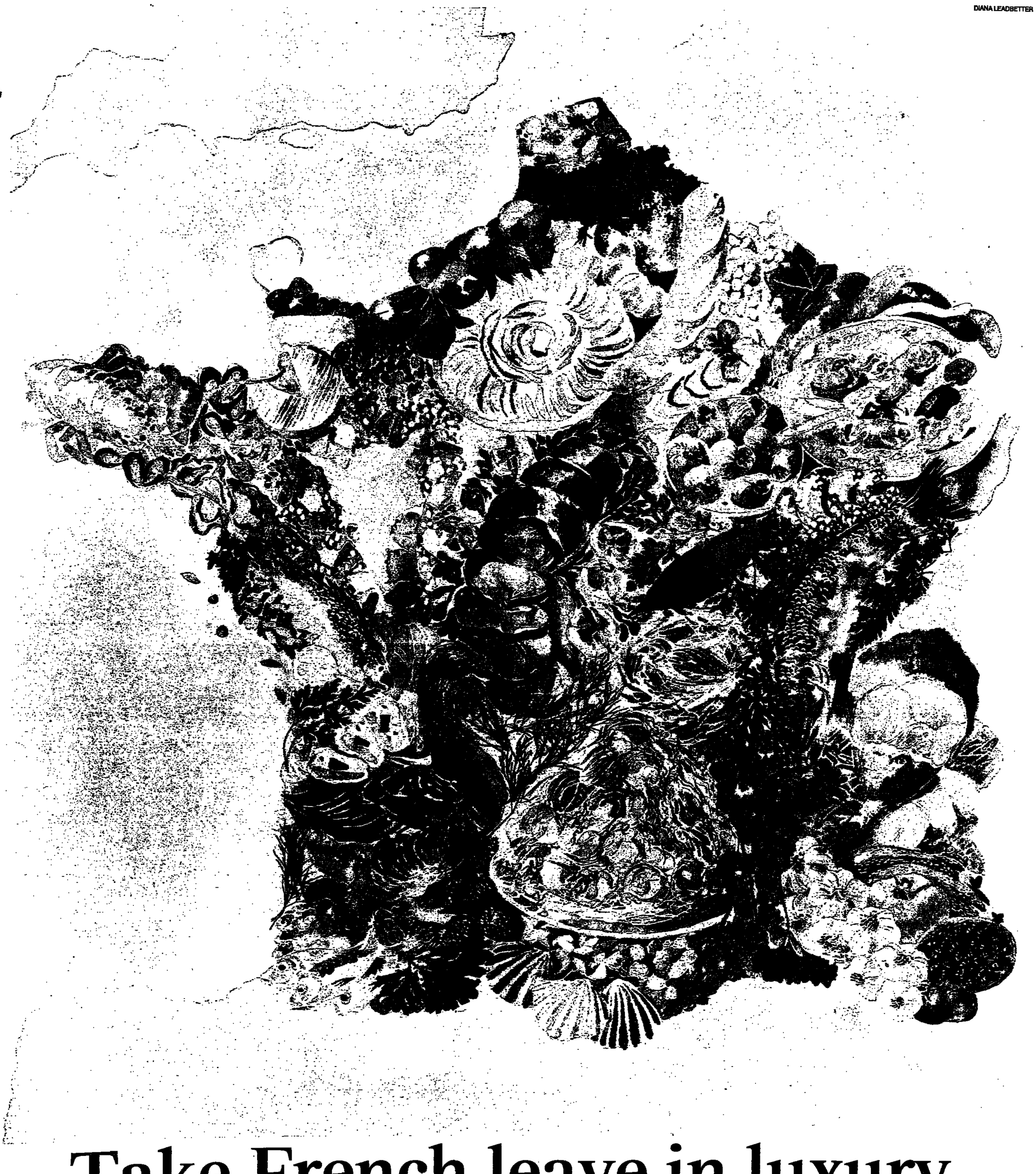

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That is what *The Times* is offering to readers, for the second time, following the success of our Passport to France offer last year. Almost 7,500 readers collected special tokens from the newspaper and chose from the 42 hotels which took part in the scheme, organised with the hotel chain Relais & Châteaux.

The offer is again being run in partnership with Relais & Châteaux. A total of 72 hotels have joined us this year so the variety of establishments is greater. For full details, and information about a travel insurance offer from Europ Assistance, see the last page of this supplement.

Relais & Châteaux is probably the most remarkable chain of *hotels* and restaurants in the world. It is not what is normally meant by a chain — where all the hotels are owned by one company. Instead, it is more like a club and one that is very hard to get into. All its members' establishments are independent of one another and have to be superb in some way to belong. They are not all grand establishments by any means. Those participating in our offer have an average of 21 rooms.

"Relais et Châteaux" is best translated as "Inns and Castles" — the *relais* were the old staging inns of France in coaching days. The Relais venture began in 1954 when a small organisation called Relais de Campagne, or "Country Inns", was set up with eight hotels on the road from Paris to the Côte d'Azur — the so-called Route de Bonheur (Road of Happiness).

Relais de Campagne slowly expanded, taking in members in other European countries, and in 1962 a rival body, Châteaux-Hotels, was formed — which is where the castles came in. In 1972, a restaurant group called Relais de Gourmands — "Inns for Outstanding Eating" you could say — threw down its challenge.

In 1975 the three associations merged to form the present organisation which this year notches up a membership of 411 independent *hotels* and restaurants in 40 countries.

Relais & Châteaux is not, as such, a chain of expensive, luxury hotels — though many of the hotels are both expensive and luxurious. Its motto is the five Cs — Character, Courtesy, Calm, Charm and Cuisine. Guests are offered an experience to remember and, in turn, asked only to observe a few simple courtesies such as wearing "elegant attire, even if this is informal".

France is still the heartland of Relais & Châteaux, with 153 members. All these establishments are unusually attractive. The buildings may be exquisite or historic, ranging from châteaux to manor houses, old abbeys and Alpine chalets. The gardens or grounds are often beautiful, whether alive with flowers or having extensive parkland. The place may have wonderful views or be perfect for fishing or bird-watching. The atmosphere can be thrillingly metropolitan or offer perfect rural calm. The cuisine, an important part of the experience, can be super-sophisticated or entirely local — and the prices can vary widely.

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Relais Gourmands

Each class of hotel is distinguished by a coloured shield. Green represents a pleasant and simple country residence. Blue stands for a fine, comfortable house in pleasant surroundings, and yellow for the sophisticated comfort of a superb residence, while hotels with a gold shield offer de luxe service in a sumptuous establishment. Some also carry a red shield, which conveys recognition of outstanding cuisine, with two or three Michelin stars earned by their chefs. Individuality and excellence — that is the promise.

Last year's *Times* offer was very successful. Readers collected tokens from the newspaper and wrote in for the Relais & Châteaux pack containing an illustrated guide, a road map of France, a list of participating hotels and the privilege card with which the discount could be obtained. A total of 1,180 hotel reservations were made by readers as a result of the offer, which meant, in the jargon of the hotel business, 2,160 "room-nights" and a total of 4,300 guests. The first six weeks of the offer were the most popular, with 720 confirmed reservations.

Half of the hotels taking part sold more than 50 "room-nights" to *Times* readers. This was a substantial addition to their bookings when you consider that most of the Relais & Châteaux hotels are not particularly large.

Many visitors and proprietors expressed their satisfaction to *The Times* afterwards. The British holidaymakers, the hoteliers found, appreciated the outstanding French cooking and the substantial discount on prices. Bernard Giraudel, owner of Le Vieux Logis, a magnificent Périgord house with fine gardens at Trémolat in the Dordogne, says he welcomed the *Times* readers as friends. He believes they particularly enjoyed the regional cuisine.

At the Hôtellerie du Bas-Bréau, a luxurious *hotel in the painters' village* of Barbizon on the edge of the Forest of Fontainebleau, near Paris, visitors appreciated the game — *marcassin*, or young wild boar, and even Scottish grouse, cooked in a superb sauce. The manager, Tino Malchiodi, whose wife, Jennifer, is English, says that in addition to many new customers, they had calls from Britons who had stayed there before and on reading about the hotel in *The Times* immediately decided to come again.

Many readers went to the Château de Locguénolé, a mansion standing in a 250-acre woodland park on the coast of southern Brittany. "It was a great success," says Bruno de la Sablière, the manager. "I think my English visitors enjoy the landscape which is like their own, combined with the weather, which is not. And they loved my seafood."

Joanna Zedde is an Englishwoman who is co-manager with her husband of the hotel Le Saint-Paul, in the charming village of Saint-Paul-de-Vence in the Alpes-Maritimes near Cannes. She was thrilled when she learnt that *The Times* was planning to repeat the offer. In the past, most of their guests have been French, Italian or American. Last year, for the first time, they had a lot of British visitors and "we were absolutely delighted to see them".

These are the some of the pleasures we offer in France, and again at remarkable prices. *Bon voyage.*

Frank Jeffery uncovers the stories behind France's two most celebrated hotel-restaurants . . .

Temples of gastronomy

In their restaurant kitchens the Guérard and Troisgros families produce some of the world's most memorable food

Classic lines: Welcoming view of Michel Guérard's Les Prés d'Eugénie. The sumptuous surroundings and very high quality of service have been given the highest accolades

The chef Michel Roux sums up **Les Prés d'Eugénie** and **Troisgros** like this: "Together they represent French gastronomy — which means world gastronomy, of course."

He is talking about two very different establishments which fly the Relais & Châteaux banner. Les Prés d'Eugénie is a hotel, restaurant and health club which Michel Guérard runs at Eugénie-les-Bains, deep in the south-west 90 miles south of Bordeaux. Troisgros is a hotel and restaurant in the small town of Roanne, in the Loire, 45 miles south-west of Macon.

Guérard is the man who invented *cuisine minceur*, the cuisine that is low in calories and cholesterol and which made him world famous. He met a girl called Christine, decided to impress her by losing weight, but did not fancy living on grated carrot. *Minceur* was the system he used. It worked: Christine is now Madame Guérard.

Pierre Troisgros and his son Michel are part of a cooking dynasty with culinary branches elsewhere in France, in Brazil, and in New York. The Troisgros clan became so famous in France, partly through television, that the name alone on their hotel-restaurant is enough to bring gourmets to Roanne.

Michel Roux knows both families well. As head of Relais Gourmands he meets them regularly, for both have the hard-won Relais red shield for outstanding cuisine. This half of the Roux brothers cooking act — he is also owner of the Waterside Inn at Bray, Berkshire, one of Britain's best restaurants — says of Michel Guérard: "If I had one meal left to eat on earth,I would like him to cook it. He has such a lightness, such a delicacy of touch, such a subtle feeling for flavours. And that such a chef should also be a great *patissier*!"

Of the Troisgros chefs he says: "Quite simply, I think of them as my family. I did some of my training in Roanne and I was caught up in the wonderful, warm, happy atmosphere of their establishment. As chefs they are magnificent, often in the simplest way.

"I remember we had been to market one morning and when we got back at nine Pierre cooked some thin slices of Charolais beef fillet, just quickly with a little shallot . . ." His eyes close at the memory of that blissful breakfast.

'If I had one meal left to eat on earth, I would like Michel to cook it: such a light touch'

The Troisgros family has some claim to begetting *cuisine moderne* which has shaded into *cuisine contemporaine*. The watchwords are lighter flavours and textures, shorter cooking times, surprising but harmonious contrasts, and an emphasis on aroma.

Staying and eating at either of these superb establishments is an experience to remember for a long time. Les Prés d'Eugénie is a white colonial palace — as well as the red shield Michel Guérard has the gold shield for sumptuous appointments and de luxe service — set in beautiful gardens, with palm trees, magnolias and fountains. All the rooms are elegant and some of the paintings are by minor masters.

The health club which operates alongside the hotel and restaurant is one of the best in the world. The food, of course, is superb and what Guérard calls double-faceted — that is you can eat either *minceur* or *gourmand*.

Eugénie-les-Bains is a village which has therapeutic springs that gushed originally from muddy marshland. The Romans made use of them, Henry IV, France's most popular king, favoured them and they enjoyed another vogue in the Second Empire when the Empress Eugénie arrived with her entourage.

Spanish-born Eugénie was a beautiful and charismatic royal — the Princess Diana of her day — and she set fashions. The waters must have been good for her because she died aged 94, in 1920. This after a long and surburban life in Chislehurst and Farnborough, in the south of England, that followed the collapse of the Empire in 1870.

The countryside about Eugénie-les-Bains is lush and green, with gentle hills — perfect surroundings for Guérard to get Les Prés going and bring the village back to life. He had wanted to be an actor but became interested in patisserie and ended up chief *patissier* at the Crillon in Paris. At Les Prés he earned his first Michelin star in 1967, the second in 1970, the third in 1977. Do not worry about the stars, or the history. Just enjoy this gracious environment and possibly the best food you will ever eat.

At Roanne, in the Loire, Troisgros père et fils spread happiness: there is a cheerfulness in the kitchen and among the other staff which communicates itself to the clientele. The hotel-restaurant started humbly — as a place for commercial travellers to stay the night. But in 1930 Jean-Baptiste and Marie Troisgros moved down from Burgundy and took over. She did the cooking, he looked after the wine and the character of the hotel began to change.

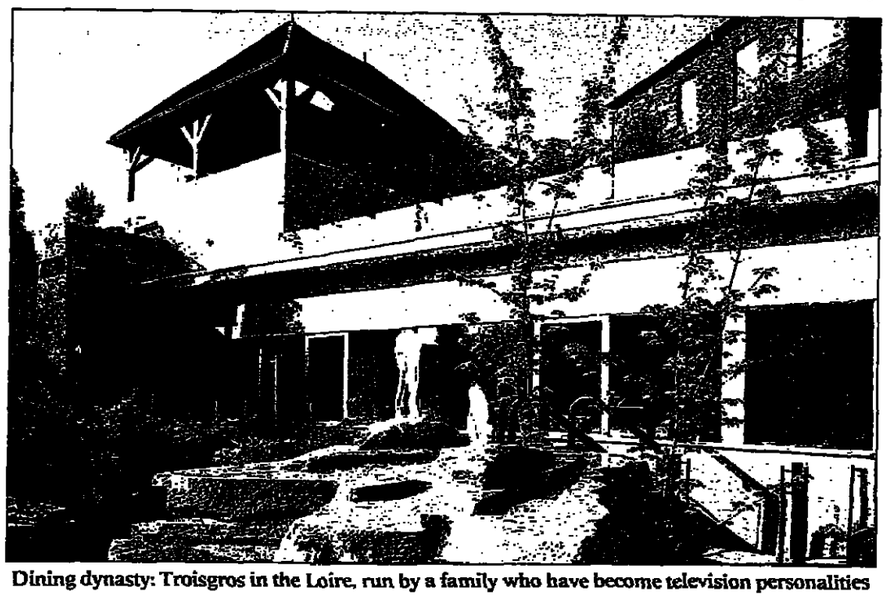
Say it with flowers: Michel and Christine Guérard of Les Prés

From the age of 15 the couple's two sons, Jean and Pierre, took to cooking as some people take to religion. They went away to study, worked in the great Paris houses — Jean at the Crillon, Pierre at Maxim's — and eventually came back to Roanne.

Jean-Baptiste had a dream: there was going to be a tourist boom and it would give his family a chance to create a great restaurant. Which is what happened. The first Michelin star was earned in 1955, the second in 1965, the third in 1968. The old place expanded, the rooms were improved and beautifully furnished. The courtyard was made to bloom, the cooking became more innovative.

Troisgros pioneered the cooking of salmon with sorrel. This has now become almost a cliché but nowhere else will you find it so perfectly done. On holiday in the Landes, Pierre Troisgros realised that local people were cooking fish for much shorter times than normal. He began to do the same. At that time it was a cooking heresy to present fish unless it fell off the bone when your fork touched it. Pierre changed that and the world of gastronomy followed.

In 1983 Jean died and Pierre now runs Troisgros with his son Michel. Other members of the clan are spreading fine cooking throughout the world. Pierre and Michel are television personalities, gastronomic gurus. They advise a hypermarket chain on meals to serve in their cafés. So great is their fame that when they decided to redesign their chinaware and asked for ideas from artists, 70 painters responded. You can enjoy the food and warm hospitality in their small but perfect hotel-restaurant — where it all began.



Dining dynasty: Troisgros in the Loire, run by a family who have become television personalities

Magic on the Loire

A former hunting lodge makes a delightful base from which to explore the region's great châteaux

The Domaine des Hauts-de-Loire at Onzain is a château set among châteaux. A turreted hunting lodge built in the last century for the Comte de Rostaing, it stands in countryside on the north bank of the Loire, on the site of a feudal castle.

None of the great châteaux of the Loire Valley is far away. Blois is ten miles up river; Amboise 12 miles down river.

The Domaine itself is a perfect 19th-century mansion in the French château tradition, with a magnificent ivy-clad façade, a spiral staircase in the turret climbing to the upper rooms, and wide green lawns, dotted with urns, running down to a lake with swans.

There are bedrooms both in the house itself and in the carefully converted stables. The rooms, with their antiques and shuttered windows, are are fitted with every modern comfort. The dining-room has rough-sawn timbers that contrast with high, classical windows.

There are many ways in which you can explore the countryside. Bicycles can be borrowed from the hotel, but you may take its *calèche*, or carriage, and ride through the woods and fields for two or three hours drawn by a pair of horses. Until the end of October, visitors are offered flights in a hot-air balloon in which you can sail over the Loire châteaux and experience views of them that their architects would never have seen.

By car or taxi you are perfectly placed to tour the châteaux. For Blois, you go east along the wide, sandy River Loire until you see the little town on two hills standing on the north, or right, bank. The château stands on one hill, the cathedral on the other, with the main street between.

Blois is a particularly enchanting château because it reveals the first stirrings of the Renaissance in France. You pass from the Gothic wing, decorated with the porcupine and ermine motifs of Louis XII, straight to the exquisite early Renaissance wing built only a few years later in 1515 by François I, and adorned with his symbol, the salamander.

At Amboise, the château on its hill reveals the same moment in the history of taste, with its Flamboyant Gothic royal apartments looking down on the river, and Renaissance wing behind completed by François. Amboise is a wonderfully glowing town with its golden stone and sandy river banks. Beyond lie the hillside vineyards which produce the sparkling wine of Vouvray.

Not much further afield are the spectacular châteaux of Chambord, a palatial hunting-lodge, Chenonceau, home of Diane de Poitiers, and the waterside Azay-le-Rideau with its marvellous reflections. The bustling town of Tours is also well worth a visit.

Wherever you go, you will return to the Domaine with a good appetite for the cooking of its owners, the Bonnigal family. They specialise in fish from the Loire but offer many other gastronomic pleasures. For *hors d'oeuvre* you might choose a salad of young eels, or a parsley mousse with walnut oil dressing.

The *sandre*, or pike-perch, figures prominently on the menu, perhaps roast with the juice of a chicken, and there will generally be *quenelles de brochet*, those dainty concoctions of pike. Another speciality is rack of lamb stuffed with a mousse of snails. Vouvray is on the wine list, naturally.

You could finish the meal with apricot blancmange or farmhouse cheese with chives — or both. Afterwards, walk out across the lawn in the silence of the night, where the swans are still glimmering on the lake, and breathe in the soft air from the river before going to bed.

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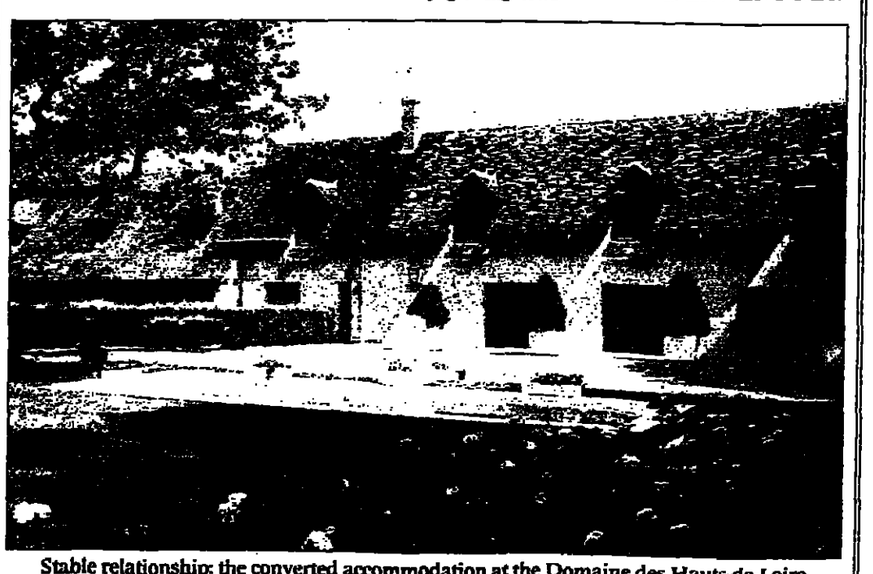

Stable relationship: the converted accommodation at the Domaine des Hauts-de-Loire

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. . . and **Derwent May** finds a delightful place for gourmets to stay on the banks of the Yonne

At the gates of Burgundy

How three generations, and international training, turned a regional pension into one of the best tables in France

One hundred miles from Paris, on the A6, the great *autoroute* to the south, you can find one of the most luxurious and relaxing hotels in France. It is at Joigny, a small medieval town on the banks of the sleepy River Yonne. The **Résidence de la Côte Saint-Jacques** looks out across the river, where the water flows gently by and small barges go past.

Here you are at the gates of Burgundy. The hilly forest of Othe stretches away to the east, and 15 miles south lie the first great vineyards of Burgundy, the white wine vineyards of Chablis.

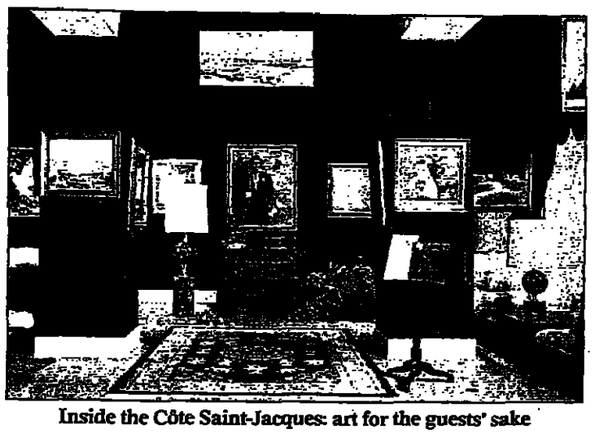
Like many of the top hotels of France, the Côte Saint-Jacques is a family affair, and has a remarkable history. Forty years ago it was just a *pension* in an old bourgeois house, run by Mme Marie Lorain. The youngest of her four sons, Michel, became an apprentice at a pâtisserie, then returned to help his mother.

In 1959, when he was 25, he and his wife Jacqueline took over the reins, and slowly his cooking started to win fame. Jacqueline took charge of the cellar and built up a fine wine list — specialising, not surprisingly, in great Chablis and other burgundies. Crowds of people on their way to the Midi would stop and lunch or dine there.

By 1976 they had two Michelin stars, and in 1977 were accepted for membership in the Relais & Châteaux chain. In the same year they were awarded three red *toques* (or chef's hats) in the now famous Gault et Millau restaurant guide.

Enter the third generation. In 1983, Jean-Michel Lorain, the son of Michel and Jacqueline, came back after acquiring experience with several great chefs in Paris and Switzerland, to work in the kitchen with his father. Dramatic things were now starting to happen.

In 1986, they won the coveted third Michelin star — marking them out as one of the top tables in France — and father and son were named "Chefs of the Year" by Gault et Millau. In the same year, they finished building a magnificent new hotel on the riverside, joined to the old house and restaurant by a tunnel under the A6. Since then, they have been numbered among the greats.



Inside the Côte Saint-Jacques: art for the guests' sake

The rooms and suites overlooking the river are wonderfully luxurious: some in pastel shades of blue and yellow, with soft sofas and long curtains in harmony with the wall hangings, others in grander style with magnificently ornamented beds, chandeliers and writing tables. There are flowers and ferns everywhere.

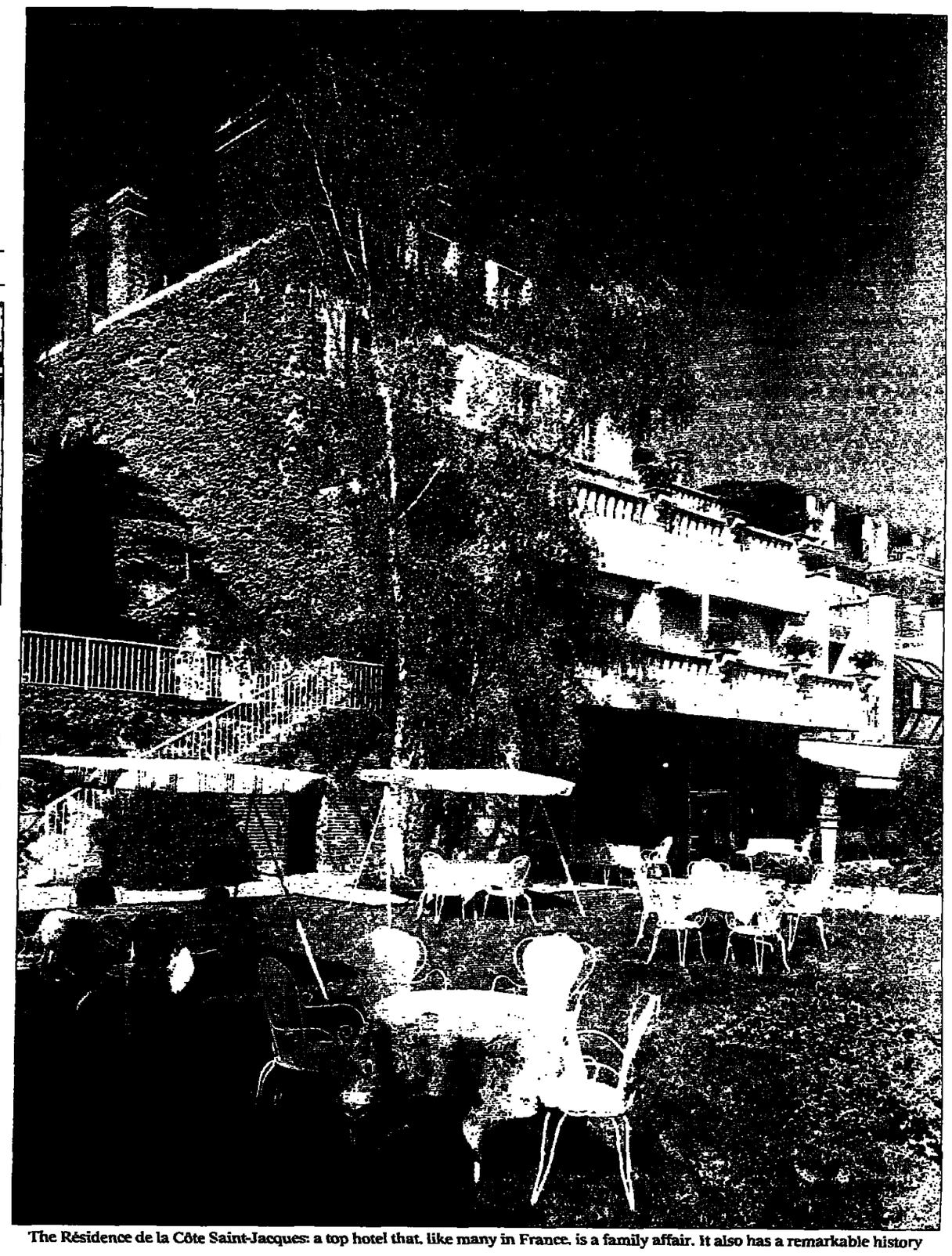
The restaurant, though now transformed into a light, elegant room sparkling with crystal, is still in the old house, and father and son continue to preside over the cuisine. Michel is occasionally away in London, where he is consultant chef at the Oak Room restaurant in Le Meridien hotel, Piccadilly.

Jean-Michel specialises in dishes that draw on traditional bourgeois recipes and fine local produce — which puts him in the vanguard of fashion as the allure of *nouvelle cuisine* fades. In his restaurant, you will find foie gras in a velouté sauce, smoked bass with caviar, sucking pig crusted with carrots and pearl barley, a fattened chicken cooked in champagne. His puddings include a famous *mille-feuille* with vanilla cream. This year, Christian Millau proclaimed Jean-Michel "Chef of the Year" in his own right.

Yet, even with all this superb food, there is a friendly, family air about the dining room. I asked Jean-Michel what his favourite dish was. "The one I'm cooking next," he replied. He has two young daughters and has recently written a cookery book for children, *Recettes en fête* ("Party recipes").

There is a swimming-pool, a park, a sauna. The hotel has its own boat which you can take on the Yonne, with aperitifs and a lunch prepared for you by Jean-Michel. For expeditions, the Roman town of Sens, with one of the largest Gothic cathedrals in France, is 20 miles to the north; there are the Chablis vineyards and Auxerre with its 15th-century streets.

Whether you want a luxurious hotel in which to pause and relax on your way to the South of France, or a setting for a peaceful, gourmet holiday, the Lorain family know just what to provide.



The Résidence de la Côte Saint-Jacques: a top hotel that, like many in France, is a family affair. It also has a remarkable history

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Heavenly oasis found by chance

Brantôme, the historic Venice of France, has an unforgettable riverside hotel

They call Brantôme in the Périgord the Venice of France. The River Dronne encircles the small medieval town and the bridges across it give that Venetian feel.

Brantôme, less than 20 miles from Périgueux, has all sorts of fascinating historical connections. Charlemagne built the famous abbey, though the Normans knocked it about a bit before rebuilding. The clock tower is the oldest in France. The mildly scandalous author of *Les Dames Galantes*, Pierre de Bourdeille, was the Seigneur and Abbé of Brantôme.

De Bourdeille was a local man whose mother was attached to the court of Marguerite de Valois. He was given the benefice of Brantôme and thus became its Abbé, but for this lively fellow a career as a priest would have been a clerical error.

He became a soldier, fought all over Europe, was an escort for Mary Queen of Scots, met Queen Elizabeth I and came back to Brantôme to write his stories of daring deeds and court amours. If the Abbé were still around he would be signed up by a Sunday tabloid.

Brantôme is a particularly charming little town in a lovely part of France and Le Moulin de l'Abbaye is a wonderfully peaceful oasis to visit. The hotel-restaurant is set in the abbey's old watermill and its grain store. The elegant dining room with its surprising yellow décor looks out on a view that stays in your mind like a good landscape painting: the monks' garden bridge across the river.

Le Moulin holds the blue shield of Relais & Châteaux, which means "a fine comfortable house in a pleasant setting" — a considerable understatement in this case, for both inside and out Le Moulin is unforgettable.

The proprietors are Régis Bulot, president of Relais & Châteaux, and his wife Cathy. The Relais philosophy is that every member establishment should preserve its individuality, and at Le Moulin Régis Bulot has certainly taken his own advice. Though they have a strong management team he is a hands-on proprietor, checking personally that everything is right, that every guest is happy.

M Bulot's discovery of the site, in 1978, was true serendipity. Travelling through the Périgord he arrived at Brantôme and found the abbey's abandoned watermill by chance. The possibilities came to him at once. It was open less than a year later after sympathetic rebuilding and conversion and by 1981 M Bulot had his Michelin star.

A staff of almost 40 for this smallish establishment (17 rooms, three apartments) seems high, but the resulting service makes you feel like a very, very important person.

They like eating around these parts. Brantôme has 2,000 inhabitants and 18 restaurants so the cooking at Le Moulin has plenty of competition. Head chef Christian Ravinel thrives on it: his fresh eel and *mille-feuille* of courgettes, his galette of lobster with tomato coulis, his salad of celery and truffles, and lamb with cepes and truffles are superb. The fresh rolls with toasted hazelnuts could wean you off breakfast cornflakes forever.

M Bulot called in the architect Jean-Pierre Jerphanion and the interior decorator Jean Dive to create a style that is sumptuous but in keeping with the original buildings and the setting.

The British have always loved the Dordogne, and perhaps especially the Périgord. The lush greens, the abundance of water, the châteaux dotted about the countryside, the Roman and Romanesque charms of Périgueux and the prehistoric caves all appeal to our higher senses. And the splendid local produce keeps the rest of our senses happy.

This is foie gras country and the home of all kinds of preserved delicacies. There are good opportunities for food-tasting.

Just outside Brantôme they grow the most luscious strawberries; the area is reckoned the strawberry capital of France, for quality as well as quantity.

The town itself invites you to wander, to explore the old streets, to linger on those bridges. The abbey is magnificent. If you normally have no taste for ecclesiastical architecture this example could change your mind. There is a remarkable grotto auditorium — the stage inside, the audience in the open — where summer concerts have a unique quality.

You could hardly have a better base for exploring the region than Le Moulin de l'Abbaye, but be warned: it is not easy to tear yourself away. You could find yourself seduced by the peace of the old mill into just sitting inside or outside those pretty rooms, idly watching the drift of the Dronne, eating and drinking and reflecting on what a pleasant place the world can be.

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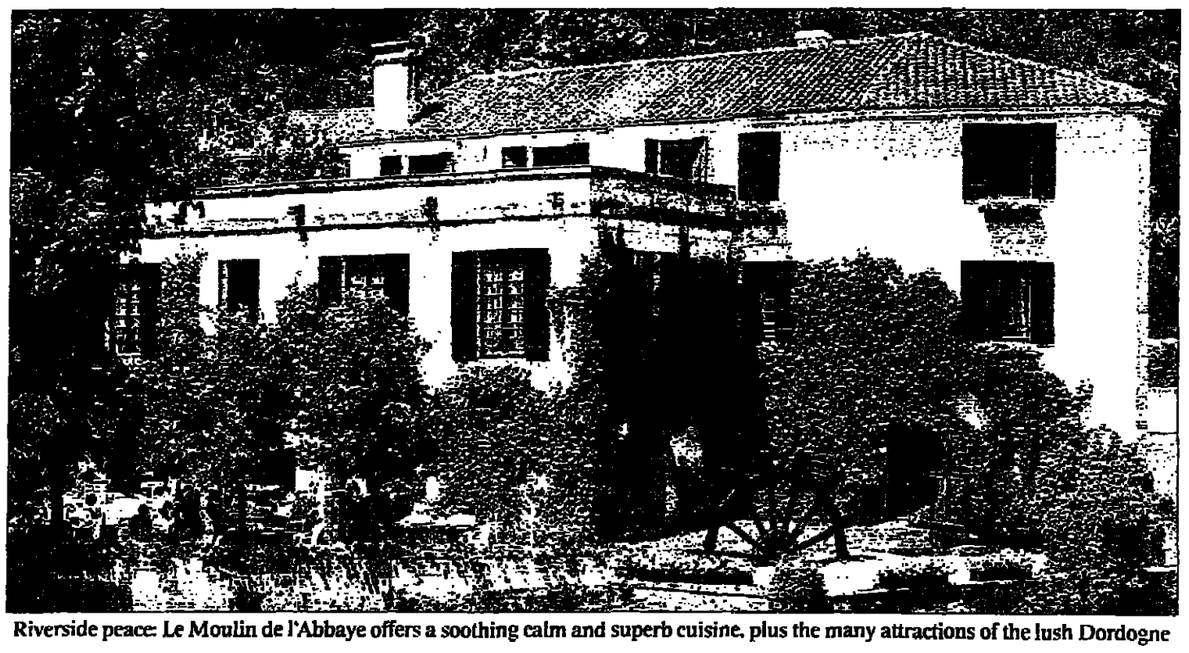
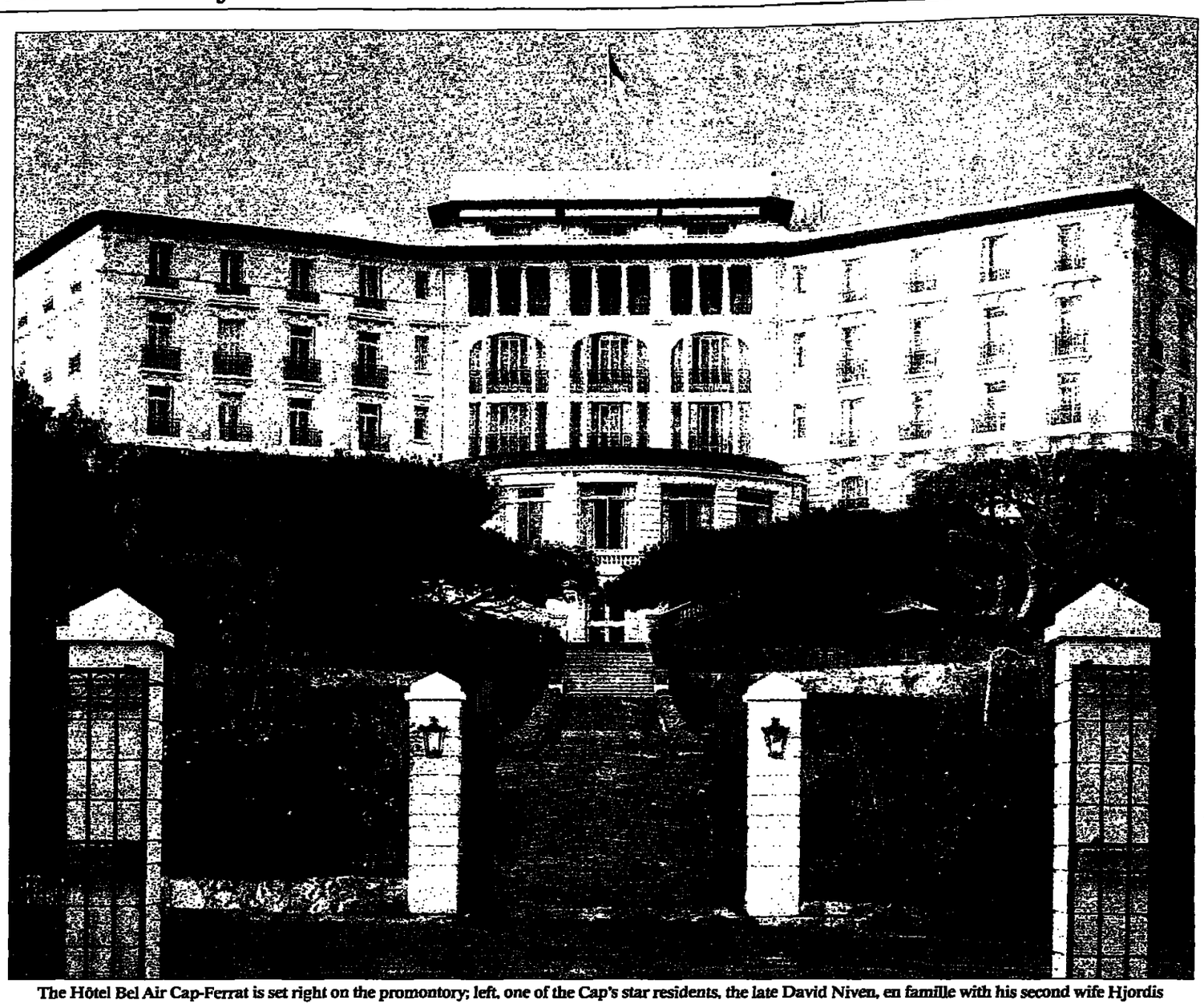


Riverside peace: Le Moulin de l'Abbaye offers a soothing calm and superb cuisine, plus the many attractions of the lush Dordogne

Cap-Ferrat's palatial hotel is still a stylish venue that attracts the famous, says **Frank Jeffery**

Sun, sea and total elegance

On the shores of the Mediterranean, there is only one place to go to mingle with the international set



The Hôtel Bel Air Cap-Ferrat is set right on the promontory; left, one of the Cap's star residents, the late David Niven, en famille with his second wife Hjordis

Between Villefranche and Beaulieu the promontory of Cap-Ferrat points a rocky finger into the Mediterranean, a part of the Riviera that has always been a little different. The villas here tend to be the homes not just of the rich and famous, but the rich, famous and artistic.

David Niven chose this area when he was looking for a summer home after his accountant suggested Europe as a tax haven. The film actor and his second wife, Hjordis, moved into his Swiss ski chalet and found a place on the Cap. A nominal Swiss resident for tax reasons, Niven spent much of his non-working time on the Riviera until he died in 1983.

Also on the Cap was Somerset Maugham's Villa Mauresque, where he entertained with an odd mixture of munificence and meanness. Queen Victoria's son, the Duke of Connaught, lived on the Cap and when his sister, Princess Louise, visited him she stayed at the palatial **Hôtel Bel Air Cap-Ferrat**, which was built in 1908.

The hotel is still there, still a palace, but now with all the gloss and luxury that £20 million spent over four years can give. The work has been a sympathetic modernisation without losing the Bel Air's essential charm.

The bedrooms are delicately decorated in pastels to avoid clashing with the colours of the Côte d'Azur outside, while in the public rooms a bolder palette has been used. The 59 rooms — 11 of them suites — are air-conditioned, of course, and if you want to arrive in your yacht, the brochure explains, the harbour of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat is nearby.

The Bel Air's ambience is triumphantly French, not least due to the hotel's general manager, Hansjörg Maissen, who has managed to restore that gentle air of personal service and care which made the Bel Air a haunt of the famous in the 1950s, just as it was before the first world war when English milords arrived to winter in the warmer climate. At one time or another, most of the Russian imperial family found its way to the Bel Air for a break from the snows of Moscow and St Petersburg.

Prime ministers, successful painters, celebrated actors and writers arrived, just as they do now. If you want to be really chic when the Cannes Film Festival comes round you stay on the Cap and have your chauffeur drive you to Cannes along the Lower Corniche road. It keeps the fans at bay and allows you to stay aloof from all that sordid commerciality.

With the rest of the Riviera Cap-Ferrat moved gradually from being a winter resort into one of year-round activity. The Edwardians simply wanted to enjoy the orange groves quietly and escape the harsher weather at home. But in the 1920s Cole Porter and some of his friends invented summer sunbathing on the Riviera and went home looking tanned and healthy.

Most of the Russian imperial family found its way to the Bel Air from the Moscow snows

The vogue spread in the 1930s but the real boom came after 1945. Weary of the war, Europeans and Americans flocked south for sun, watersports and glamour. The Riviera provided all three and still does. The Bel Air has always been popular with Britons and that has not changed over the years. One in five of its clients now comes from the UK.

The fact that the establishment also has a high proportion of French guests is a tribute to the Bel Air's stylish ambience and to the food. Head chef Jean-Claude Guillon has been there for 23 years. The restaurant has a Michelin star and the lighter lunches available in the Club Dauphin by the pool are excellent too.

At the pool is the Bel Air's other star, Pierre Gruneberg, whose title is *maitre nageur* or master swimmer. For 40 years he has been teaching people how to swim, including Charlie Chaplin, Jean-Paul Belmondo and Aristotle Onassis. His pupils, he says, have ranged from eight to 80. Many of them have been complete beginners, others could swim but wanted to improve their style.

Cap habitué: the writer Somerset Maugham had a villa there and drank at the hotel bar

For beginners the *maitre* brings out his glass salad bowl, fills it with water and instructs the learner to immerse his head. M Gruneberg looks through the sides of the bowl to check if his pupil is breathing correctly. The pupil then tries the Bel Air pool. It is, M Gruneberg claims, a foolproof method.

When winter comes Máitre Gruneberg changes his costume and becomes a ski instructor at Courcheval. The pool at Bel Air is warmed salt water and a small funicular carries you down the short distance from the gardens. You may be exercising in the pool but at the Bel Air you are not required to expend more energy reaching it.

In the Somerset Maugham Bar — yes, the wrinkly old writer used to drink there — a tinkling cocktail piano plays discreetly as the glasses clink. It is a French piano, vintage 1920, bought in England and shipped back home. There is also a large aquarium which has a curiously calming effect, though was not there in Maugham's day.

Some things have changed but much has stayed the same. The service has an old-fashioned excellence and the Bel Air's advertising picks up this link with the old days in the guidebook: "The concierge is able to arrange for visits to historic sights and to satisfy the usual plethora of unusual requests."

It is true. They can arrange for you to drive out in a four-wheel to the beautiful back country. They can put on visits to the great art galleries of the area to look at Picassos, Matisses and Chagalls you will not see in London or New York. Or they can take you on a helicopter trip to the Verdon area, to view France's answer to the Grand Canyon. And run you into Monte Carlo for the ballet or the opera.

Pierre Gruneberg has taught many people how to swim, including Charlie Chaplin

If you want to gamble, the casinos of Nice, Monte Carlo and Cannes are easily reached. For golfers there is plenty of choice — with courses at Mougins, Cannes, Monte Carlo. If you stay at the Bel Air in winter, the ski slopes can be reached in a couple of hours.

Almost on your doorstep is one of the most beautiful art galleries in the world, the Ephrussi de Rothschild Foundation, a palatial pink and white villa set in gardens — French, Spanish, Japanese — that are themselves works of art.

If you want something a little more private the hotel has its own secluded swimming cabins hidden along the rocky coastline.

Maitre nageur Gruneberg's graduates could do worse than swim gently offshore and look back at the majestic Bel Air Cap-Ferrat. It offers another perspective on a grande dame among hotels, who can afford to cock a snook at her upstart rivals along the coast.

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DANCE

Class from all parts

Ballet Gala
Harrogate Centre

FOR the first time, and possibly the last, I regretted that David Mellor is no longer heritage secretary, as I watched the Harrogate Festival's ballet gala on Wednesday. What brought on this unwonted condition was the presence on the programme of the Autumn duet from Glazunov's *The Seasons*. In *The Times* recently, Mellor expressed surprise at the perversity of the ballet world in neglecting Glazunov. This was a performance which might have caused him to repent that mistaken belief.

Vividly danced by the incisive Beatriz de Almeida and the sprightly Mark McClain of the Stuttgart Ballet, it was also a useful reminder of the successful way its choreographer, John Cranko, pushed to extend the expressive bounds of the art, and of how much is lost by British ballet's neglect of him and a whole generation of good choreographers.

More to the point for the Harrogate audience, it was just one of many enjoyable numbers on a varied and enterprising programme arranged by Iain Webb, bringing together dancers from three British companies and others in Germany, Denmark and America. A visitor from London, with its glut of ballet classics, has to remind himself that regional audiences are ravenous for them (a fact which the Arts Council might well think about too).

SO THE extracts from *Swan Lake* and *The Corsair* danced by Deborah Bull and Adam Cooper from Covent Garden, the elegance of English National Ballet's Agnes Oaks and Thomas Edur in their numbers from *Cinderella* and *Nutcracker*, were needed. So too were the unfamiliar and successful pairing of Birmingham Royal Ballet's Japanese star Miyako Yoshida with the Boston Ballet's French star Patrick Armand in duets from *Giselle* and *Don Quixote*.

Another novelty was a showy, light-hearted, hip-dislocating duet, *Something Special*, for Almeida and McClain by Dalal Achar to jazzy music by Ernesto Nazareth, adding a touch of modernism to the first half, as Bull and Cooper's tantalisingly brief duet from Forsythe's *In The Middle* did to the second.

Two young dancers from the Royal Danish Ballet, brought in at short notice when an American couple had to drop out, were especially welcome for adding a further contrast in styles as well as for their own qualities. Henriette Muus and Johan Cobborg were ebulliently spirited in their Bournonville showpieces — besides which Cobborg's bravura Harlequin solo from Balanchine's *Night Shadow* would be a high spot in any context. Lucky Harrogate.

JOHN PERCIVAL

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** finds himself in the thick of it as a tyrant is toppled at Stratford

The night I nearly killed Caesar

Julius Caesar
The Other Place, Stratford

DONALD COOPER

The plotters thicken: Brutus (Jeffery Kissoon) maintains his noble pose among the conspirators — not a very subtle *Julius Caesar*, but there is no shortage of action

Outside the Other Place, anachronistically dressed Roman citizens variously played accordions, shook tambourines, and addressed the waiting audience through a megaphone. We were, they declared, free to wander where we wanted and stand as close to the actors as we liked. So it proved, too, when we made our collective way into the tiny auditorium. Had the urge taken me, I could have stepped forward a pace or two, growled "et me, Caesar", and totalled the tyrant with my trusty ball-point.

David Thacker is the director, and it must be said that a "promenade" style suits his particular gifts. His is a lucid, pacey production which explores character and event in no great depth but always ensures they have immediacy and impact. How could it be otherwise when actors are yelling "peace, liberty" into one's left lughole, or jostling one aside to inspect Caesar's body as it lies on a hospital trolley seeping something rather more realistic than raspberry jam, or roaring about the stage as machine-guns crackle and mortars bang from the wings?

As this suggests, togas are not in vogue in this Rome. Photos of David Sumner's Caesar festoon the theatre walls, and then on comes the man himself, tracked by a video-camera as he saunters through the modern-day mob in his expensive Italian serge. He nods and graciously beams, a smooth, svelte figure who might just have been helping far-right freemasons to organise the death of another Roberto Calvi or receiving a few zillions in lire from a deputation of mafiosi. He is equally serene, equally sure of himself when he dons a uniform that clanks with as many medals as an African dictator. "Always I am Caesar," he announces, and, as Thacker sees it, he means that Caesar is forever.

Hence, no doubt, a programme packed with notes reminding us of key happenings in recent history, from the execution of Ceausescu to the departure of Pinochet, to more dubiously happy events in Nigeria and Malawi. But the idea that somewhere in the world it is always about to be the Ides of March might count for more if the bringers of change were more trenchantly examined. After all, it is they, rather than Caesar, who fascinate Shakespeare. But with one exception, they go for little here.

Jeffery Kissoon's Brutus does little but look dignified and noble and throb a lot. The Cascas and Treboniuses are just executives in grey suits who launch themselves onto Caesar in a feverish parody of a boardroom coup. For a time, Rob Edwards's Cassius, too, looks as if he is little more a debonair, hands-in-pockets businessman; but when his bitterness at Caesar breaks through, he takes on genuine emotional power and does not stop growing thereafter. I have never seen the storm-scene before he visits Brutus's house better played. To weird electronic rumbles and ripples from the orchestra, Edwards's Cassius stands in the rain and lightning, exhilarated by the chaos above him, identifying with the destructiveness of the heavens, riveting the audience.

On the other side of the political divide, Barry Lynch scores as a quiet, intense Antony, a whispering rabble-rouser; but otherwise it is best to meander round the auditorium, enjoying the rush of events. The lynching of Cinna the poet might be the climax of an ugly riot on a London estate. Philippi might be happening in Bosnia tomorrow. This is not a *Julius Caesar* for those in search of subtlety; but for those who want action, it is a production to admire.

OPERA ON VIDEO

Five-star all stars

Action replay: Placido Domingo as Cavaradossi, Catherine Malfitano as Tosca, in Rome just as Puccini specified

Just over a year ago, the world watched **Tosca** live on television from the buildings of Rome and at the time of day specified by Puccini. There were two performances before the actual transmission and the video (Teldec, VHS 4509 92698 3, also laserdisc, with English subtitles) draws a few minutes from them to cover the few fluffs on the day.

The cast could scarcely be bettered: Catherine Malfitano, Placido Domingo and Ruggero Raimondi. The direction is full of presentiment of death around the corner.

The only extraneous elements are the whirring helicopter shots of Rome before each act, as if to prove that we really are where it all happened.

Better to have left Zubin Mehta and the Rome Orchestra to make the point. Otherwise this is five-star opera on film.

Borodin's **Prince Igor** (Decca VHS 071 421-3, double tape, also laserdisc, with English subtitles) offers a more straightforward night at the opera, one of Covent Garden's best in recent years, discreetly filmed by Humphrey Burton. Andrei Serban's production has the same gaudy cruelty as his earlier staging of *Turandot*, with scarlet banners and gleaming knives. All highly effective.

The climax is reached in Act II with the full Polovtsian ballet led by a fearsome Stephen Jeffries and fiercely conducted by Haitink. A carefully-selected east European cast is powerfully led by Sergei Leiferkus with Anna Tomowa-Sintow as his consort. Nicolai Ghiuselev and Paata Burchuladze roll their eyes and consonants melodramatically as Galitsky and Khan Konchak, but the tenor, Steblianko, disappoints. Opera at its most extravagant, which London may not be able to afford again for some time. This is a valuable piece of preservation.

Henning von Gierke provides almost a one-man show with **Der fliegende Holländer** (EMI MVD 9 91311 1, also laserdisc). Von Gierke's cameras fix on the stage and the production he directed and designed for the Munich State Opera. All is bathed in a shimmering Nordic blue, with the exception of the blood-red sails of the Dutchman's vessel. The sea is an ever-present symbol and its tug and swell fill Wolfgang Sawallisch's masterly conducting of the overture, marvellously recorded.

Robert Hale is occasionally unsteady as the Dutchman and is generally outpointed by Julia Varady's rapt Senta, always ready to disappear into a world of her own. Strong contributions from Peter Seiffert (Erik), Ulrich Ress (Steuermann) and the indestructible Anny Schemm (Mary). Subtitles are available on laserdisc, via teletext, if you have the right hardware.

Now quite elderly, the Unitel production of Verdi's **Falstaff** (Decca, VHS 071 403-3 only), filmed by Götz Friedrich and chiefly remarkable for the ripe playing and singing in the title role of Gabriel Bacquier, who squeezes sympathy and affection out of us like a knowing old family pet. Karen Armstrong is a winning Alice, but some of the other playing is too heavy. Windsor Forest, despite all the studio resources available for midsummer magic, is a surprisingly dull place. Solti and the Vienna Philharmonic are set too far back on the soundtrack to make proper effect.

A reminder for John Corigliano's *The Ghosts of Versailles* on DG. A contemporary opera which really entertains instead of stepping off to the world of high pretension.

JOHN HIGGINS

THE SUNDAY TIMES
The untouchables of the underworld
"There was no finesse with Ronnie. When he shot George Cornell in the public bar of the Bind Beggar in Whitechapel in 1966, there were no preliminaries. "Well, look 'oo's 'ere," from George, and a shot between the eyes from Ronnie in reply. Naturally there were no witnesses, and the police said they were powerless because nobody had seen a thing. By then the Kray Twins had made themselves invulnerable in ways no big-time London criminals have ever been before or since."
How did the Krays get away with it for so long — The Sunday Times tomorrow

TUNE IN TO RADIO 3 AND YOU'RE THERE.

The guitarist Marty Grosz avoids breaking new ground

Pursuit of the past

JAZZ RECORDS

Grosz: relaxed session

Hot jazz lives on, safe in the hands of the guitarist, singer and all-round humorist **Marty Grosz**. An ebullient live performer — he can be heard at the Edinburgh Jazz Festival from today — the self-styled "plectrist to the damned" brings a sardonic edge to the mouldiest of Tin Pan Alley songs.

Well, almost: even the indefatigable Grosz is defeated by Ira Gershwin's cooing lyrics on "A Sunny Disposish". Happily, the remainder of *Thanks* (J&M Records J&MCD-502) gives Grosz and his band, The Collectors Items Cats, the excuse for urbane ensemble playing, most of the compositions confined to a genial and neatly sculpted four minutes.

No one would pretend that any new frontiers are being explored here. Grosz is much more interested in celebrating older, more unfashionable areas of jazz history. The result is a thoroughly relaxed session in which the sidemen — particularly the cornetist Peter Ecklund and the reeds player Scott Robinson — grab every opportunity that comes their way, making maximum use of the limited solo space.

The last time I saw him, some months ago, Grosz was playing to a few dozen highly appreciative listeners. In contrast, **Branford Marsalis** — elder brother of Wynton — reaches tens of millions of TV viewers as leader of the house band on one of America's most popular programmes, NBC's *Tonight Show*. One night he might be backing Neil Diamond, the next sparring with Buddy Guy.

A similarly eclectic spirit is at work on *I Heard You Twice The First Time* (Columbia 472169), the saxophonist's most accessible album so far, and winner of a Grammy in the "Best Jazz Instrumental" category. Conceived as a jazz virtuoso's tribute to the blues tradition, the set has potent guest appearances by B.B. King, John Lee Hooker, Joe Louis Walker and the singer Linda Hopkins.

As an extra touch of authenticity, there is also a traditional work song, "Berta, Berta" lifted from August Wilson's Broadway play, *The Piano Lesson*. Overall, it is a bold, often invigorating mixture of styles. Marsalis's own approach is cultivated to the nth degree, so that emotion becomes secondary. He is, after all, probably the most technically astute saxophonist of his generation — yet he seldom touches the heart. And that, after all, is what the blues is really about.

CLIVE DAVIS

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BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (7461378)
7.25 News and weather (8186858)
7.30 Pinocchio. Animated adventures of the wooden puppet who yearned to be human (r) (2790769) **7.50 The All New Popeye Show**. Cartoons (r) (7841213) **8.10 McGee and Me**. Children's entertainment mixing animation with live action (1717668) **8.35 Peter Pan and the Pirates**. Animation based on the J.M. Barrie novel (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6695668)
9.00 Parallel 9. Young people's fun and games and adventure from a fantasy planet (31400688) **10.52 Weather** (6914129)
10.55 Grandstand introduce by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **11.00** (60026), **1.35** (80231007), **2.05** (11941026), **2.35** (3614991) and **3.05** (65970200) Cricket: live coverage of the third day's play in the fifth Test between England and Australia at Edgbaston; **1.00** News (7844453); **1.05** Women's Cricket: World Cup highlights, Football: preview, Swimming: European championships (71882939); **1.55** (93933129), **2.25** (94737571) and **2.55** (4064084) Racing from Haydock Park; **4.40** Swimming: the European championships and Final Score (6603397)
5.15 News with Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (2356842)
5.25 Regional News and sport (8154484)
5.30 Tom and Jerry Double Bill. Cartoons. (Ceefax) (973216)

Seeking revenge: Ricardo Montalban (5.45pm)

5.45 Film: Star Trek II – The Wrath of Khan (1982) starring William Shatner and Ricardo Montalban. Lively addition to the saga of the starship Enterprise in which Captain Kirk encounters the vengeful Khan, a former commander with a nasty habit of inserting omnivorous insects into the ears of opponents. With Leonard Nimoy and DeForest Kelley. Directed by Nicholas Meyer. (Ceefax) (s) (42686129)
7.30 Open all Hours. Corner shop comedy starring Ronnie Barker as the grasping grocer and David Jason as his put-upon assistant and nephew (r). (Ceefax) (858)
8.00 Birds of a Feather. The temporarily single Sharon meets an old flame and her thoughts turn to motherhood (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2378)
8.30 The House of Eliott. Elegant period drama about two sisters who run a 1920s London fashion house (r). (Ceefax) (s) (828910)
9.20 News with Andrew Harvey (Ceefax). Sport and weather (887246)
9.40 Spender. Jimmy Nail's Geordie cop investigates the death of a student and uncovers a trail to a new designer drug and its distributors. (r). (Ceefax) (952378)
10.35 FA Charity Shield. Highlights of the game between Manchester United and Arsenal in Wembley's traditional curtain-raiser to the new football season.. John Motson and Trevor Brooking are the commentators (891769)
11.30 Cricket: Fifth Test. Highlights of the third day's play (s) (70281)
12.00 Film: Amazon Women on the Moon (1986) starring Rosanna Arquette, Steve Guttenberg and Arsenio Hall. Patchy compilation of horror movie and sex film parodies, made by five directors. (s) (8407779) **1.20am Weather** (4280685)

BBC2

6.40 Open University: Engineering Mechanics — Vibrations (2025945) **7.05** Maths: Complex Numbers (7451991) **7.30** Industrial Democracy (3585262) **7.55** Images: the Crab Nebula (1340228) **8.20** Biology: Problems with Ions (1704194) **8.45** Brass Bands in Victorian Britain (6682194) **9.10** Ecology: the Pine Beauty (5688736) **9.35** Rabbits and Chalk Grasslands (2256858) **10.00** Mechanics: Structural Components (2505129) **10.25** Zimbabwe. Health For All? (3052991) **10.50** The Clinical Psychologist (7988151) **11.15** Computer Integrated Manufacture in the Workplace (4277264) **11.40** Women in Zimbabwe: Breaking Out (9447378) **12.05** Picturing the Modern City (8519026) **12.30** Education: Power of the Purse (2802991) **12.55** Women Artists: outside In (4804194) **1.20** Genetics: Patterns of Diversity (21306281) **1.45** Seasonal Affective Disorder (19471991) **2.10** Running the Country: Markets and Hierarchies (14810991) **2.35** Swedish Science in the 18th Century (3636113)
3.00 Film: Valentino (1951) starring Anthony Dexter and Eleanor Parker. Romanticised biopic of Rudolph Valentino, the Italian dancer who moved to America and became the silent screen's great lover. Directed by Lewis Allen (39536397)
4.40 Cricket and European Swimming Championships. Live coverage of the closing session of the thid day's play in the fifth Test between England and Australia at Edgbaston (s); and action from the Ponds Forge Pool, Sheffield (80220939)
6.40 Eisteddfod 93: The Stones at Builth. An exploration of why the Eisteddfod, Celtic Wales's cultural extravaganza which ends today, is the most important event of the year (s) (307281)
7.15 A Picture of Health? People involved in the closure by the National Health Service of the children's ward of Amersham Hospital and those affected by it, have their say (359216)
7.45 News with Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (206002)

Out of Africa: musician Manu Dibango (8.00pm)

8.00 Rhythms of the World: Silences. See Choice (8858)
9.00 The Wexford Trilogy: A Handful of Stars. (Ceefax) See Choice (6538113)
10.25 Teenage Diaries: The Bad Sax Guide. See Choice (990264)
11.15 Film: Manhunter (1986). Nasty but effective thriller which marked the screen debut of Hannibal Lecktor, five years before *The Silence of the Lambs*. Lecktor (Brian Cox) is released from prison to help track down a brutal killer known as the "Tooth Fairy". Directed by Michael Mann (Ceefax) (s) (780939)
1.10am On the Air. Off-beat comedy from the creators of *Twin Peaks* (s) (6513514). Ends at **1.40**

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CHOICE

Wycliffe . . . and the Cycle of Death
ITV, 9.50pm

Television's newest detective, Chief Supt Charles Wycliffe, is based in Cornwall and played by Jack Shepherd. Called out to investigate the murder of a bookseller, he discovers that the main suspects are members of the family. In conventional whodunit style, all have good reasons for wanting him dead. The rest is also to pattern as the first murder is followed by another, skeletons are pulled out of cupboards and there is a twist at the end. The puzzle is involving but despite the best efforts of the admirable Shepherd, Wycliffe is a a bit dull. There are hints that Mrs Wycliffe is jealous of hubby's attractive female assistant, but on this evidence she has nothing to fear. If this pilot is to become a series, the show may need to beef up its leading man.

Lessons out of school: phobic Polly (BBC2, 10.25pm)

Teenage Diaries: Bad Sax Guide
BBC2, 10.25pm

Polly is 13, but looks older, and has a fear and hatred of school. Little attempt is made to explain this, any more than why she chooses to have her head shaved, but the fact is that she is determined not to set foot in a classroom again. She says that to do so would be to give up her power. At the same time, she insists she wants a proper education. Her video diary follows attempts to find the solution, from tuition at home (unsuccessful) to joining a hospital school (more promising, partly because they let her smoke in break times). You keep expecting a psychiatrist to turn up and explain Polly's behaviour. None does. Meanwhile Polly whiles away her idle hours playing the saxophone and feeling sorry for herself.

The Wexford Trilogy: A Handful of Stars
BBC2. 9.00pm

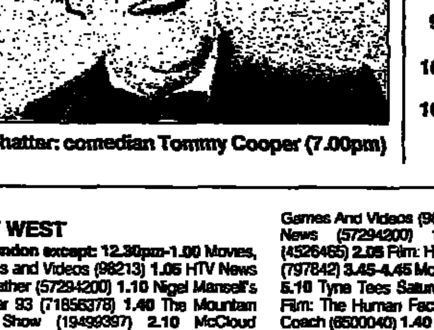
The second of Billy Roche's Irish dramas is set in a run-down pool hall where an assortment of trouble-stirrers, misfits and losers congregate to trade gossip and insults. At their heart is Jimmy (Gary Lydon), a young tearaway already in trouble with the law and heading for more as he breaks with his girlfriend (Dervla Kirwan) and goes berserk with a shotgun. He may be a bad lot but, the play asks, is he morally any worse than the works foreman who steals from his factory, the creep who goes round telling tales or the clapped-out boxer who abandons his wife for a hairdresser?

Rhythms of the World: Silences
BBC2, 8.00pm

The African musician Manu Dibango confesses to having four loves. One of Cameroon, where he was born, and another France, where he grew up. The third is music and the fourth he leaves us to guess. It is presumably his wife, although she rates only a passing mention. The film mixes footage of Dibango in performance with his meditations on French colonial history. His music is a fusion of avant-garde jazz (main inspiration Charlie Parker) and the Makossa dance rhythm of Cameroon. Among samples given here is his most successful number, "Soul Makossa", originally the B side to his anthem in celebration of the Cameroon football team.
Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment (4197842)
9.25 Gimme 5. Cartoons, music and videos for the young presented by Lewis MacLeod and Jenny Powell (34798910)
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The *Video Vault* features Was Not Was perforing their 1987 hit "Walk the Dinosaur" (s) (79587)
12.30 Opening Shot. Young people's arts series (s) (98213)
1.00 News and weather (90955489) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (57294200)
1.10 Movies, Games and Videos. Films, computer games and videos reviewed (71856378)
1.40 The Big Valley. Vintage western series starring Barbara Stanwyck, Lee Majors and Linda Evans (7986281)
2.40 The A-Team: Quarterback Sneak. The irregular quartet join a football team touring eastern Europe in order to help a disaffected biochemist to escape to the west (r) (7919007)
3.40 WCW Worldwide Wrestling (5299921)
4.20 Cartoon Time (2245649)
4.45 News and weather (8330484)
5.00 London Today (Teletext) and weather (2353755)
5.10 MacGyver. The special agent helps the son of an old friend who has become involved with drug dealers and had a contract taken out on him. (Teletext) (6754281)
6.00 What You Lookin' At? Children's comedy drama set in an inner-London youth club (s) (262)
6.30 Beadle's About. Another collection of practical pranks perpetrated by Jermy Beadle on unsuspecting members of the public (r) (842)
7.00 The Best of Tommy Cooper. Highlights from the comic conjuror's hit series. With guests Stanley Unwin and Henry Cooper. (Ceefax) (s) (1026)
7.30 The Upper Hand. Limp comedy series starring Joe McGann as a housekeeper with a woman (Diana Weston) boss (r) (246)
8.00 The Bill: What a Pair. WPC Ackland (Trudie Goodwin) goes undercover to investigate an illegal escort agency. (Teletext) (3674)
8.30 London's Burning. Drama series about the Blue Watch of a London fire station (r). (Teletext) (82842)
9.30 News and weather (347804)
9.50 Wycliffe . . . and the Cycle of Death. (Teletext) See Choice (817397)
11.25 McCloud: Barefoot Girls of Bleecker Street starring Dennis Weaver. The urban marshal investigates the sale of illegal alcohol at a club that employs runaway girls. With Shelley Winters and Gordon McRae (r) (758945)
1.10am The Lord is My Shepherd. A brief look at how mankind is destroying the planet, set to the 23rd Psalm sung by the Leeds Male Voice Choir (4286069)
1.15 The Big E. Magazine for young Europeans (s) (5027214)
2.20 It's Bizarre! Off-beat music and chat show. The guests include Larry Grayson and Arthur Brown (1490798)
3.10 The New Music featuring Bryan Ferry, k d lang and Tasmin Archer (1580866)
4.30 BPM. News, sounds and fashions from the dance music scene (s) (66602)
5.30 ITN Morning News (81999). Ends at **6.00**


Mad hatter: comedian Tommy Cooper (7.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (s) (8302397) **6.25 Ovide**. Animated adventures of a duck-billed platypus and his friends (1575007) **6.40 Bobobobs**. Cartoon space adventures (r) (2947113)
7.05 The Legend of White Fang. Animated adventures based on Jack London's canine hero (r) (1326842) **7.35 Little Dracula**. Adventures of a young bloodsucker (3682129) **8.00 Pugwall's Summer** (r) (9472200)
8.25 Sportraits. Profiles of the German footballer Franz Beckenbauer and the British athlete, now an MP, Sebastian Coe (3551465)
9.00 News (9250668) **9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line** (1089129)
10.00 Trans World Sport (66656)
11.00 Gaelic Games. Jim Neilly introduces action from the Gaelic Football league (17200)
12.00 Sumo. Japanese wrestling series (r) (86281)
12.30 Kasak. Episode 15 of the 20-part Pakistani drama serial. In Urdu with English subtitles (98295)
1.00 Film: Call Me Madam (1953) starring Ethel Merman, Donald O'Connor, George Sanders and Vera-Ellen. Lively version of the Irving Berlin musical about a Washington hostess who is appointed ambassador to a European principality where she becomes romantically involved with the foreign minister. Directed by Walter Lang (18154561)
3.05 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the 3.15, 3.45, 4.20 and 4.50 races (15930858)
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s) (2482910)
6.30 Opening Shot. Arts magazine for young people (s) (484)
7.00 The World This Week presented by Sheena McDonald. Includes a report on the difficulties for staff and patients at the Kosovo hospital in Sarajevo, where there is virtually no electricity, drugs or anaesthetics; and pictures smuggled out of southern Iraq that show the extent of Saddam Hussein's brutal repression of the Marsh Arabs. Plus **News** summary and weather (1378)

Repossessions: the strong arm men (8.00pm)

8.00 The Best Of Cutting Edge: Repomen. A documentary about men who are making a living out of the recession by repossessing goods from people unable to keep up hire purchase payments (r). (Teletext) (8886)
9.00 Miami Memoirs. Ruby Wax returns to her parents' home in Florida (r). (Teletext) (2692129)
10.15 The Big One. Comedy starring big Mike McShane and petite Sandi Toksvig (r) (s) (532007)
10.45 Bloody Bosnia: After Dark. An open-ended discussion examining the issues surrounding the conflict in Bosnia (25623533)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Car 54, Where Are You? (30736) **6.30** Rin Tin Tin (85213) **7.00** Fun Factory (4221620) **12.00** WWF Mania (63842) **1.00pm** Rich Man, Poor Man (49262) **2.00** Bewitched (1804) **2.30** The Facts of Life (7194) **3.00** Cartoons (52262) **4.00** Dukes of Hazzard (71397) **5.00** WWF Superstars (4991) **6.00** Beverly Hills, 90210 (69026) **7.00** The Flash (41811) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (82991) **9.00** Cops I (60281) **9.30** Cops II (64571) **10.00** WWF Superstars (51282) **11.00-12.00** Stingray (47465)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (38378) **8.30** News and Business Report (952465) **9.30** Talkback (48533) **10.30** Week in Review (13303) **11.30** Holiday Destinations (11533) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (11755) **1.30** The Reporters (12484) **2.30** Week in Review (46668) **3.30** Those Were The Days (39649) **4.30** Holiday Destinations (8200) **5.00** Live at Five (14303) **6.30** Fashion TV (27587) **7.30** The Reporters (9129) **9.30** Week in Review (12262) **10.30** The Reporters (32804) **11.30** Fashion TV (58213) **12.30am** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (31205) **1.30** Travel Destinations (24798) **2.30** Week in Review (49156) **3.30** Target (44601) **4.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (53798) **5.30** The Reporters (26663)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (76736)
8.00 Safari 3000 (1982): Comedy about a trans-African rally (17736)
10.00 Mysterious Island (1961). Jules Verne adventure story (55823)
12.00 Charlie Chan and the Curse of the Dragon Queen (1981): Peter Ustinov plays the Oriental detective (85277)
2.00pm Infidelity (1987). Kirstie Alley and Lee Horsley separate after losing their baby (96194)
4.00 One Against the Wind (1991): Judy Davis stars as the second world war heroine Mary Lindell (9823)
6.00 Battling for Baby (1991). Debbie Reynolds and Suzanne Pleshette fight over their first grandchild (69858)
8.00 Gremlins 2: The New Batch (1990): Gizmo spawns another army (84303)
10.00 The Indian Runner (1991) Sean Penn's directorial debut about two brothers in 1960s Ohio. With David Morse (39452804)
12.05am Lady Chatterley's Lover (1982): Sylvia Kristel stars in this adaptation of D.H Lawrence's erotic novel (363717)
2.00 Ghoulies 2 (1988). The malevolent beasties terrorise a carnival (342311)
3.50 For the Very First Time (1990) A Jewish boy and a Catholic girl fall in love (8850137) Ends at **5.20**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Driftwood (1947, b/w) Orphan Natalie Wood is adopted by a doctor (3823)
6.00 Waterloo Bridge (1940, b/w) Love story with Vivien Leigh, Robert Taylor (67620)
8.00 All That Jazz (1979). Musical fantasy based on the life of Bob Fosse (79465)
10.00 Carrie (1976): Sissy Spacek stars as a psychic (130910). Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Funeral in Berlin (1966). Michael Caine stars as Harry Palmer (66400194)
7.50 Harlow (1965): Carroll Baker plays the 1930s screen idol Jean Harlow (57674007)
10.00 The Rat Race (1960): Musician Tony Curtis and dancer Debbie Reynolds share a New York apartment (53465)
12.00 Mr Rock and Roll (1957) The DJ Alan Freed plays himself (85259)
2.00pm The Pumpkin Eater (1964): Anne Bancroft discovers that her third husband has been unfaithful (94736)
4.00 On the Buses (1971): Women drivers cause trouble at the depot (7465)
6.00 If the Shoe Fits (1990): Jennifer Grey falls in love with Rob Lowe in Paris (51200)
8.00 The Commitments (1991): Musical drama about a Dublin soul band (82945)
10.00 Prey of the Chameleon (1991): Daphne Zuniga plays a serial killer (981842)
11.40 After Dark, My Sweet (1991): Jason Patric becomes involved in a kidnap plot with Rachel Ward and Bruce Dern (462281)
1.35am Nightmare on the 13th Floor (1990): Michele Greene investigates the disappearance of hotel guests (4981137)
3.05 Somebody Has to Shoot the Picture (1990). Roy Scheider is hired to photograph an execution (383088). Ends at **4.45**

SKY SPORTS

6.30am Prime Bodies (62281) **7.30** British Motorsport (85945) **8.30** Snooker (389571) **11.00** The Charity Shield: Arsenal v Manchester United (3645755) **2.30pm** Sports Saturday (4409533) **6.00** Windsurfing (9133) **6.30** Horse Racing (63910) **8.30** The 1993 Charity Shield (as 11am) (84945) **10.30** US PGA Golf: Buick Open (22858) **12.00-1.30am** Women's Pro Beach Volleyball (70309) **5.25-7.30** Rugby Union: Queensland v South Africa (82932137)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (73858) **8.00** Motorsport (81281) **9.00** Motorcycling (98649) **9.30** European Truck Racing (25281) **10.00** Atlas Rally (89842) **11.00** Boxing (86378) **12.00** Tennis: Austrian Open (43129) **2.00pm** Cycling (88755) **3.30** Swimming (64262) **5.30** Golf from Munich (15200) **6.30** IAAF Athletics (332562) **9.30** ATP Tennis (67465) **11.30-1.00am** Tennis: Austrian Open (45465)

UK GOLD

7.00am Michael Bentine's Potty Time (4786709) **7.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (1182264) **8.00** Lassie (1763552) **8.30** Dog House (1762823) **9.00** Jem (1869303) **9.30** The Raccoons (5566736) **10.00** Defenders of the Earth (7277823) **10.30** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (1855587) **11.00** Film: Across the Wide Missouri (1951) starring Clark Gable (69613571) **12.20pm** Film: Conspiracy of Hearts (1960) starring Lilli Palmer (9743858) **2.15** Bless This House (9287736) **2.45** EastEnders Omnibus (53837552) **5.30** Ballet Shoes (4471020) **6.00** The Little and Large Show (7621543) **6.30** Just for Laughs (9621723) **7.00** Bless This House (1021026) **7.30** In Sickness and in Health (3221787) **8.00** Bergerac (1045910) **9.00** The Perry Mason Mystery (90187552) **10.45** Film: Diner (1982) starring Steve Guttenberg (1711020) **12.45am** Naked Video (3019427) **1.15** Three of a Kind (3009040) **1.45-2.00am** Videos (32137682)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (91397) **7.00** The Diplodos (51281) **7.30** Widget (43216) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (20262) **8.30** Ratkan II (29533) **9.00** Sharky and George (43113) **9.30** The Garbage Pail Kids, Ovide and the Gang (70755) **10.00** Boy Dominic (20823) **10.30** Klasyfur (49397) **11.00** Ins Captain Pugwash (35587) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (36216) **12.00** Dinonders (30649) **12.30pm** Swamp Thing (74571) **1.00** Fifteen Omnibus (79026) **2.00** Just Us (9674) **2.30** Flash Gordon (6026) **3.00** You Can't Do That on Television (5281) **3.30** Round the Bend (1571) **4.00** The Electric Stringvest (53939) **5.00** The Bartons (7026) **5.30** 3-2-1 Contact (6282) **6.00-7.00** Fame (59262)

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (98213) **1.05** Anglia News (57294200) **1.10** Warner Cartoon (66749115) **1.20** World Wide Wrestling (7704910) **2.05** The A-Team (7071587) **3.00-4.45** Film: Legs (45611303) **5.00** Anglia News, Sport & Weather (2353755) **5.10** Warner Cartoon (8151397) **5.15-6.00** Baywatch (6762200) **11.25** Film. The Rock Hudson Story (946668) **1.05am** Hollywood Report (6518069) **1.35** Twilight Zone (8851392) **2.30** BPM (86088) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (58205) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (66602)

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (98213) **1.05** Central News (57294200) **1.10** C.O.P.S. (71866755) **1.35** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (7987910) **2.35** The Munsters Today (3630939) **3.00** The A-Team (2721465) **3.55** Cartoon Time (4274194) **4.00-4.45** WCW World Wide Wrestling (5494561) **5.00-5.10** Central News (2353755) **11.25** Film: Mr Inside, Mr Outside (265484) **12.40am** Film: Stormin' Home (944866) **2.25** It's Bizarre! (1473021) **3.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (19412408) **3.50** America's Top 10 (80692345) **4.20** Central Jobfinder 93 (3568408) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games and Videos (98213) **1.05** HTV News & Weather (57294200) **1.10** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (71856378) **1.40** The Mountain Bike Show (19499397) **2.10** McCloud (794755) **3.50-4.45** Baywatch (2722113) **5.00-5.10** HTV News & Weather (2353755) **11.25** Film. The Rock Hudson Story (946668) **1.05am** Hollywood Report (6518069) **1.35** The Twilight Zone (8851392) **2.30** BPM (86088) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (58205) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (66602)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 5.00-5.10 HTV Wales News & Weather (2353755)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today (98213) **1.05** Meridian News & Weather (57294200) **1.10** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (71856378) **1.40** The Mountain Bike Show (19499397) **2.10** Film: Guns Of The Timberland (504674) **4.00-4.45** WCW World Wide Wrestling (5494561) **5.00-5.10** Meridian News & Weather (2353755) **11.25** Film: Dadah Is Death (758945) **1.10am** The Big E (4054773) **2.05** Film: The Devil's Daughter (4006798) **3.30-4.30** Cue The Music (58205)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (98213) **1.05** Tyne Tees News (57294200) **1.10** The A-Team (4526465) **2.05** Film: He's Fired, She's Hired (797842) **3.45-4.45** McCloud (885736) **5.00-5.10** Tyne Tees Saturday (2353755) **11.25** Film: The Human Factor (758945) **1.10am** Coach (6500040) **1.40** Kojak (8876601) **2.35** BPM (9382750) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (6541069) **4.35-5.30** Cue The Music (3761885)

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sus (98213) **1.05** UTV Live (57294200) **1.10** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (71856378) **1.40** The Mountain Bike Show (19499397) **2.10** Movies, Games And Videos (65054216) **2.40** Film: Lacy And The Mississippi Queen (9961484) **3.55-4.45** WCW Worldwide Wrestling (2923604) **5.00-5.10** UTV Live (2353755) **9.45-9.50** UTV Live (249623) **11.25** Film: The Rock Hudson Story (758945) **1.10am** Hollywood Report (2868427) **1.35** The Twilight Zone (8851392) **2.30** BPM (86088) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (58205) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (66602)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (98213) **1.05** Westcountry Weekend Latest (57294200) **1.10** Film: Hans Christian Andersen (10954543) **3.15** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (886465) **4.15-4.45** The Mountain Bike Show (264194) **5.00-5.10** Westcountry Weekend Latest (2353755) **11.25** Film. The Rock Hudson Story (946668) **1.05am** Hollywood Report (6518069) **1.35** The Twilight Zone (8851392) **2.30** BPM (86088) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (58205) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (66602)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Movies, Games And Videos (98213) **1.05** Calendar News (57294200) **1.10** The A-Team (4526465) **2.05** Film: He's Fired, She's Hired (797842) **3.45-4.45** McCloud (885736) **5.00-5.10** Calendar News (2353755) **11.25** Film. The Human Factor (758945) **1.10am** Coach (6500040) **1.40** Kojak (8876601) **2.35** B.P.M. (9382750) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (6541069) **4.35-5.30** Cue The Music (3761885)

S4C

Starts: 7.05am The Legend Of White Fang (1326842) **7.35** Little Dracula (3682129) **8.00** Pugwall's Summer (9472200) **8.25** Sportraits (3551465) **9.00** News Summary (9250668) **9.15** Racing. The Morning Line (1089129) **10.00** Sioł Sadwrn (11685) **12.00pm** Trans World Sport (14552) **1.00** Gaelic Games (23200) **2.00** Cutting Edge (1039300) **3.05** Channel 4 Racing From Newmarket (15930858) **5.05** Brookside (2482910) **6.30** Hypnosis (484) **7.00** Newyddion (597668) **7.15** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol De Powys (98108649) **11.00** Film: Time Bandits (33376674)

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** How Does It Feel New Order '93 **3.00** Johnnie Walker **5.30** The Saturday Rock Show presented by Alan Freeman **7.30** In Concert: Sounds of Blackness, recorded at the Apollo, Hammersmith **8.30** Intimate Contact with Julian Clary **9.00** Andy Kershaw **11.00** John Peel (FM only from **12.00**) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **4.00am** Colin Berry **6.00** Sujata Barot **8.05** Brian Matthew Sounds of the Sixties **10.00** Chris Stuart **12.00** Hayes on Saturday **1.30pm** Jimmy's Cricket Team (r) **2.00** Summer Afternoon with Gloria Hunniford from the Portsmouth and Southsea Show **4.00** Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough with New Country **6.00** Steve Race **7.00** Kaye and Friends **7.30** The Age of Swing **9.30** David Jacobs presents Easy Does It **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton (r) **1.00-4.00** Jon Briggs with Nightride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **Noon**. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Go! with Adrian Moorhouse **11.00** Test Match Special: England v Australia. Third day of the fifth Test from Edgbaston **1.00pm** Sport on Five, including the Charity Shield: Arsenal v Manchester United **6.30** The Late Sa-O-Sa **7.30** Afropop Worldwide: Dance music from Havana **8.30** La Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sport **10.15** The Way Out **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin, Tips für Touristen **5.30** Jazz Now and Then **5.45** Worldbrief **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** News **8.30** Inside Westminster **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Worldbrief **10.30** Personal View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Jazz Now and Then **11.15** Letter from America **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin Noon Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** News **2.01** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Sportsworld **6.00** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** Proms '93 **8.24** News **8.25** From Our Own Correspondent **8.45** From the Weeklies **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Personal View **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Jazz for the Asking **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** News **1.30** The Ken Bruce Show **2.00** News **2.01** Play of the Week: Dylan Thomas Return Journey **3.00** News **3.30** Images of Wales **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Countdown **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Nicky Horne **6.00** Classic America **7.00** An Operatic Concert. English Northern Philharmonia under Maurizio Benini celebrate Lord Harewood's seventieth birthday **10.00** Six of the Best **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Big Red Mug Show with Chris Evans **1.00pm** Paul Coyte **4.00** Dave Fanning **8.00** Wendy Lloyd **11.00** Tommy Rivers **2.00-6.00am** Sandy Beech

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Culture and Belief Bodin and Sovereignty **6.55** Weather
7.00 Saturday Morning Concert: Smetana (Overture, The Bartered Bride); Schubert, arr Liszt (Fantasy in C, Wanderer); Haydn (Symphony No 86 in D); Tchaikovsky (Variations on a Rococo Theme); Dvořák (Symphony No 9 in E minor, From the New World)
9.00 News
9.05 Prom News: Charles Hazlewood looks forward to next week's Promenade concerts. He talks to the pianist Barry Douglas and to the radio announcer Sue Sharpe about the risks of live broadcasts, and considers the youth orchestras who are taking part this season
9.20 Record Release, with Richard Osborne. Grainger (The Immovable Do; Mock Morris; Handel in the Strand; Irish Tune from County Derry); Elgar (Piano Quintet in A minor); **10.18** The Orlando Consort sings music from the 13th-century Worcester Fragments; Britten (A Midsummer Night's Dream, Act 1 — excerpt); **10.48** The Hilliard Ensemble sings music by the 15th-century English composer Walter Frye; Kenneth Leighton (Alleluia Pascha Nostrum); Purcell (Praise the Lord, O My Soul, and All That Is Within Me); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 8 in D minor)
12.00 Spirit of the Age: George Pratt's portrait of the violinist Catherine Mackintosh (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Prague Chamber Orchestra performs a light-hearted sequence with the emphasis on pastiche
1.35 Test Match Special: England v Australia. Commentary on the third afternoon's play of the fifth Test at Edgbaston. With Brian Johnston, Jonathan Agnew, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Neville Oliver. Including **3.45-4.00** Your Letters Answered
6.10 Evening Sequence: A selection of music on disc
7.15 Prom News (as 9.05am)
7.30 BBC Proms: Live from the Albert Hall, London. BBC Symphony Orchestra under Mark Wigglesworth performs Strauss (Tod und Verklärung, Op 24; Salome closing scene: with Maria Ewing, soprano). **8.15** Hidden Agenda. Gerard McBurney discovers a coded message of resistance to Stalinist tyranny in the finale of Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony (r). **8.35** Shostakovich (Symphony No 5 in D minor)
9.30 Studio Three: The Memory Man. Robert Ferguson's play is based on the case study, *The Mind of a Mnemonist*, by the Russian neurologist A.R. Luria. S (Sam Dale), remembers everything. He makes his living on the stage, until one day his mind seizes during his act
10.20 *Buddy Rich and His Orchestra*: Ellington (In a mellow tone); Menza (Groovin' hard); Gillespie (Hooking it); Piestrup (New Blues); Rogers/Hart (Manhattan); Porter (Love for sale); Styne (Don't rain on my parade); M. Rich (Last fight); Trad (Time will tell); Lennon/McCartney (Norwegian Wood); Monk (Round Midnight); Gershwin (Suite, Porgy and Bess); Bernstein (Suite, West Side Story); Zawinul (Birdland). See Choice (r)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week looks at the importance of trees in intensive farming systems **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: Eddie Mair with holiday and travel news
10.00 News; The Masterson Inheritance: An improvised historical saga with Josie Lawrence and Paul Merton (r)
10.30 In Excess: See Choice
11.00 News; Talking Politics: David Walter talks to Volker Ruhe, Germany's defence minister
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Inside Money, presented by Roger White
12.25pm They Think It's All Over: Desmond Lynam referees the sports quiz. With team captains Rory Bremner and Rory McGrath and guests Alan Hansen and Lee Chapman (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News 1.10 Any Questions? Nick Clarke is joined in Newport, Isle of Wight, by Virginia Bottomley, MP, health secretary; Steve Platt, editor, *New Statesman and Society*; John Prescott, MP, Labour transport spokesman; and Paul Tyler, MP, Liberal Democrat agriculture spokesman (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4444 from 12.30pm
2.30 Playhouse: Diplomatic Wives, by Louise Page. Christine, who has always been supportive of her husband's career, has a difficult choice to make when she is offered a job of her own With Janet Maw and James Wilby (r)
4.00 News; Age to Age, presented by Christopher Cook
4.30 Science Now. Alun Lewis looks at research into reducing damage by river flooding
5.00 Costing the Earth: Roger Harrabin investigates how much dirt is left behind by the green laundry
5.25 Bright Sparks: Anne Kelleher talks to the philosopher Michael Martin **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and Sport
6.25 A Look Back at the Nineties: A satirical look at 1999 (r)
6.50 The Locker Room: Tom Robinson discusses the meaning of love
7.20 Kaleidoscope in South Africa: Natalie Wheen talks to musicians, writers and artists in South Africa about the impact of political change on their work
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: The Judas Kiss, by Shirley Cooklin. Ruth (Brenda Blethyn) is drawn into a world of secret jealousies and prison conspiracies when her husband is jailed for fraud
9.20 Music in Mind with Brian Kay
9.50 Ten to Ten 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Ninetysomething: Women in their nineties talk about their sexual experiences
10.45 Encounters (r)
11.00 The Tingle Factor: The astronomer and broadcaster Heather Couper talks about her favourite music (r)
11.30 The Young Postmen: Tour de France. A comedy by Ben Miller (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

In Excess: Homo Acquisitus. *Radio 4, 10.30am.*
Armando Iannucci's continuing obsession with obsessions today examines our appetite for so-called aids to easier living such as the banana-shaped razor blade. His encounter with an inventor fails to produce a riddle to the massive problem of how to extend the life of a used tea-bag. One dark cloud on the horizon is the possibility that boffins will devise an electronic copy of *The Times* with do-it-yourself censorship facility. You could cut out, say, Bernard Levin and the heavy stuff and, hey presto! *The Happy Times* would come grinning out of your terminal.

Buddy Rich and His Orchestra. *Radio 3, 10.20pm.*
The great American drummer died in 1987. This concert was recorded in the Lewisham Concert Hall, London, four years earlier, only eight weeks after Rich had undergone heart surgery. Bear this in mind – and be amazed – as you listen to his 12-minute drum solo. By any standards, this is a feat of physical endurance above and beyond the call of entertainment. In the interval there is part of Rich's 1981 appearance on *Desert Island Discs*.
Peter Davalle

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BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (58427)
7.30 Wiz Bang (r) (s) (1542446) **7.40 Pigeon Street** (r) (1522682) **7.55 Playdays** (r) (7540066)
8.15 Breakfast With Frost. Nicholas Witchell stands in for the absent Sir David. Includes **News** and weather at **8.15** and **9.00** (629243)
9.15 Summer Sunday. In the first of a new series, Syd Little and Roger Royle join open-air worshippers at the Princess Gardens, Torquay (s) (1950663)
10.00 See Hear! Includes highlights from an American programme for deaf children *Festival* (s) (38175)
10.30 Grasshoppers and Crickets. A nature programme from Finland (4514311)
10.55 Cricket. Live coverage of the opening session's play on the fourth day of the fifth Test between England and Australia at Edgbaston (s) (11150840)
12.30 CountryFile. John Craven explores rural issues (2871021). **Wales:** Down to Earth **12.55 Weather** (71555682)
1.00 News followed by **Cartoon.** *Buckaroo Bugs* (84919088) **1.15 Harry and the Hendersons.** American comedy series. (Ceefax) (21394446)
1.35 Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories: Dorothy and Ben. Joe Seneca is a man who awakes from a 40-year coma to find he has a special mental communication with a sleeping seven-year-old (Natalie Gregory). (Ceefax) (s) (19451137)
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus (r). (Ceefax) (s) (91316)
3.00 Film: Daddy Long Legs (1955) starring Fred Astaire and Leslie Caron. Diverting romantic musical, being shown in tribute to the film's director, Jean Negulesco, who died recently, about a millionaire who falls for a Parisian orphan (54069)
5.00 Tom and Jerry's Greatest Hits. Cat and mouse cartoons. (Ceefax) (7026682)

First aid: Gavin Campbell and family (5.20pm)

5.20 If The Worst Happens. A new series presented by Gavin Campbell about what to do if your child has an accident. (Ceefax) (8113137)
5.30 Superdogs. The second semi-final of the canine competition (s) (254309)
6.10 News with Chris Lowe. (Ceefax) Weather (146972)
6.25 Summer Praise from Clovelly, Devon. (Ceefax) (s) (613205)
7.00 Last Of the Summer Wine. What will Compo do after he overhears Nora's remark that she likes the look of Errol Flynn in jodphurs? (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4798)
7.30 As Time Goes By. Last in the repeat series of Bob Larby's romantic comedy starring Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer. (Ceefax) (s) (663)
8.00 Strathblair. The seventh of a ten-part drama series late 1940s Scotland. (Ceefax) (s) (685243)
8.50 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (711175)
9.05 Resnick: Lonely Hearts. The second of a two-part story in which Tom Wilkinson as the Nottingham detective investigates the deaths of two women that could be linked to a lonely hearts advertisement. (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4161866)
10.15 Everyman: Celibacy – Putting Sex In Its Place. (Ceefax) See Choice (284750)
10.55 The Train Now Departing. A look at industrial steam railways (r) (398576)
11.25 Cricket: Fifth Test. Highlights of the fourth day's play (s) (138427) **12.05am Weather** (9116847)

BBC2

6.15 Open University: American History — Urban Transport and Harlem (8372156) **6.40** Maths: Shrinking Polygons (2929717) **7.05** Bidding for the Olympics (7428663) **7.30** Chemistry: Halogens and Noble Gases (3552934) **7.55** Images and Innovation (9140840) **8.20** *King Lear* (1771866) **8.45** Bullying: Danger Children at Play (Ceefax) (6659866)
9.10 System 93. Children's game show hosted by a computer (s) (5655408) **9.35 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r) (6394446) **9.55 Jonny Briggs.** Children's drama serial (r) (6374682) **10.15 Rugrats** (r) (3030779) **10.40 Grange Hill.** Comprehensive school drama serial (r) (7883507)
11.00 F.O.T. Fast-moving "true or false?" quiz for youngsters (s) (6885663)
11.25 What's That Noise? The Tracy brothers explore Glasgow's music scene (r) (s) (6677840) **11.50 The O-Zone.** Pop music magazine featuring Curt Smith (s) (7347682) **12.05 A Big Country.** A look at outsize aspects of Australia (8586798)
12.30 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Hazel Irvine. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.35** (2878934), **1.40** (71654088) and **4.00** (4175) Cricket: live coverage of the fourth afternoon's play in the fifth Test betyween England and Australia at Edgbaston. The commentators are Richie Benaud, Jack Bannister, Ray Illingworth, Geoff Boycott and Tony Lewis; **1.00** Athletics: highlights from last night's Monte Carlo meeting. David Coleman, Stuart Storey and Paul Dickenson provide the commentary (7773040), **3.40** Water Polo: the European championships men's final (6174175); **6.00** Swimming: the European championships from Sheffield descibed by Hamilton Bland, Stuart Storey and Paul Dickinson (16040)
7.00 Rough Guide to the World's Islands. Magenta De Vine and Rajan Datar explore Majorca, Ibiza and Formentera (r) (s) (388392)
7.50 The Prize: Power to the Producers (colour and b/w). Series tracing the history of oil. This week — Nasser's closure of the Suez Canal, the birth of Opec and the emergence of Libya and Italy on the world scene (s) (641408)
8.45 Summer Dance. Anna Laguna's award-winning performance of *Giselle*, choreographed by the Swede Mats Ek, who transferred the setting from romantic Rhineland to a lunatic asylum (r) (s) (554885)

Indian brave: Rod Steiger, centre (10.15pm)

10.15 Moviedrome. Alex Cox introduces **Run of the Arrow** (1957). (Ceefax) See Choice (7690359) and, at **11.40, Verboten!** (1959, b/w). (Ceefax) See Choice (634514). Ends at **1.10am. Wales:** 10.15 Cricket: Glamorgan v Warwickshire 11.00 Film: Run of the Arrow 12.25am-1.55 Film: Verboten!

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CHOICE

Kinnock: The Inside Story
ITV, 10.50pm

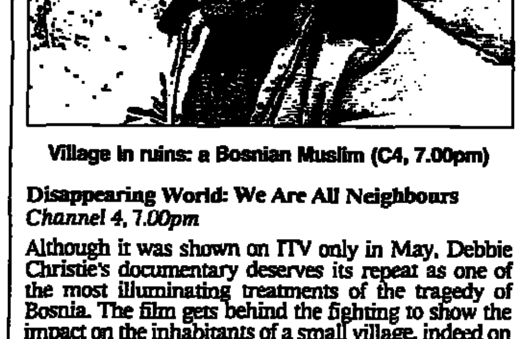
The Neil Kinnock memoirs conclude with his thoughts on the 1992 general election. There is nothing new of substance though Kinnock's candour shines through to the last. As the first results anticipated the inevitable, he thought to himself: "I have just wasted eight years of my life." The Conservative victory, he says, left him as a personal and political failure. How many politicians would admit that? In recalling the election campaign the programme tends to concentrate on peripheral matters such as the glitzy Sheffield rally rather than nailing Kinnock on why Labour really lost. Lord Healey's intriguing verdict is that Kinnock did not have the physical appearance of a prime minister and failed to appeal to women voters.

Everyman: Celibacy — Putting Sex in its Place
BBC1, 10.15pm

A tactful report on a sensitive subject shows how the celibacy debate is running in two opposite directions. While the Roman Catholic church is under increasing pressure to end celibacy for priests, more and more lay people are choosing the path of sexual abstinence. The argument, in each case, is about freedom. Priests should be able to choose to have sexual relationships, others should be free to abstain. Celibacy is hardly fashionable, at least in the media. Women's magazines, in particular, maintain a relentless hype about the joys of sex and suggest that anyone missing out is odd or inadequate. Despite this, celibacy is gaining converts.

Moviedrome
BBC2, 10.15pm

A double-bill by the forceful American director Samuel Fuller should prove for those yet to be convinced that he is worth his huge cult status. *Run of the Arrow* is an unusual, complex western which succeeds both on the action level and as an examination of American national and ethnic identity. This topic is explored through a Confederate soldier (Rod Steiger) who finds himself displaced by the end of the civil war and becomes an adopted member of the Sioux Indians. *Verboten!* also works on different levels and, though made in the 1950s, has a strangely topical echo. At its core is a love affair between an American GI (James Best) and a local girl in post-war Germany, but the real subject is the revival of Nazism.



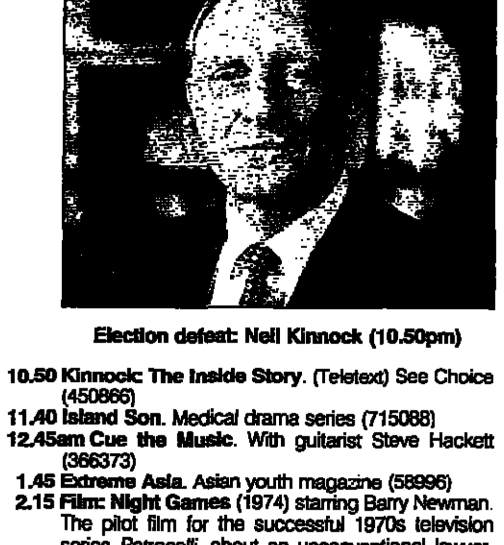
Village in ruins: a Bosnian Muslim (C4, 7.00pm)

Disappearing World: We Are All Neighbours
Channel 4, 7.00pm

Although it was shown on ITV only in May, Debbie Christie's documentary deserves its repeat as one of the most illuminating treatments of the tragedy of Bosnia. The film gets behind the fighting to show the impact on the inhabitants of a small village, indeed on two families. For 40 years the Muslim majority and the Croatian minority have lived in harmony. But the war creeps closer and tension mounts. Amid rumours of atrocities, the Muslims set up a patrol to defend their homes. Muslims and Croats who have been friends for years are sucked into the conflict. The bulk of the filming was done in January. When the crew returned a few months later it found the village in ruins and at least ten people killed. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (4164514) **9.25 Heidi.** The story of a young Swiss girl (5670717) **9.50 The Littlest Hobo.** Adventures of a German shepherd dog (6393717) **10.15 The Mountain Bike Show.** Magazine for cycling enthusiasts (487069)
10.45 Link. The second in the series about disabled artists and performers. (Teletext) (8917408)
11.00 Morning Worship from Marischel College, Aberdeen University (31750)
12.00 Life and Soul. A nine-year-old presenter, Dashna Vadher, talks about her Hindu faith (84953)
12.30 Cobblestones, Cottages and Castles. David Young follows an ancient trail from St Michael's Mount, Cornwall, to Glastonbury, Somerset (35175)
1.00 News and weather. Followed by **London Today** (Teletext) and weather (84980576)
1.10 Cartoon Time (21380243) **1.30 An Invitation To Remember.** The horror actor Christopher Lee talks about his career (34446)
2.00 Dana's Festival. The singer Dana meets Christians taking part in the Edinburgh Festival, which begins next week. (Teletext) (1398088)
2.35 Film: The King's Pirate (1967). Third-rate swashbuckler about an 18th-century British naval officer assigned to rid Madagascar of pirates. Starring Doug McClure. Directed by Don Weis (58796750) **4.25 Cartoon Time** (9008494)
4.35 Highway To Heaven. Adventures of a probationary angel (2251156)
5.30 The $64,000 Question. Cash prize quiz presented by Bob Monkhouse (s) (682)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (858205)
6.20 News and weather (764427)
6.30 Father Dowling Investigates: The Monkey Business Mystery. Starring Tom Bosley. (Teletext) (98137)
7.30 Second Thoughts. Comedy series starring James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham as a couple contemplating marriage for the second time (r). (Teletext) (s) (359)
8.00 The Agatha Christie Film: The Mysterious Affair at Styles. An adaptation of Agatha Christie's first Hercule Poirot story starring David Suchet and Hugh Fraser (r). (Teletext) (7359)
10.00 News and weather (250175)
10.20 Over the Rainbow. Comedy series about four young people trying to make a success in the music business (Teletext) (s) (610408)

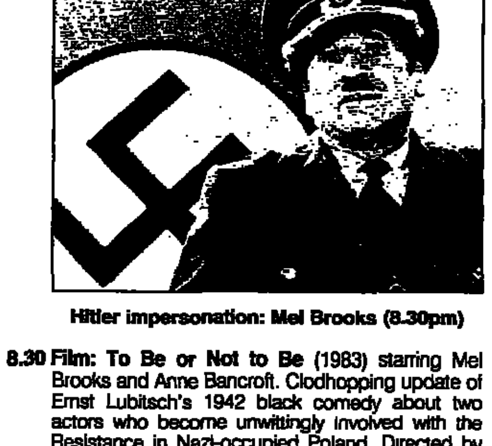


Election defeat: Neil Kinnock (10.50pm)

10.50 Kinnock: The Inside Story. (Teletext) See Choice (450866)
11.40 Island Son. Medical drama series (715088)
12.45am Cue the Music. With guitarist Steve Hackett (366373)
1.45 Extreme Asia. Asian youth magazine (58996)
2.15 Film: Night Games (1974) starring Barry Newman. The pilot film for the successful 1970s television series *Petrocelli*, about an unconventional lawyer. Directed by Don Taylor (4062354)
3.40 Film: The Bait (1973). Thriller about a policewoman who volunteers to be the decoy during a rape-murder investigation. Starring Donna Mills. Directed by Leonard J. Horn (2620593)
5.00 Crusade In the Pacific. America's Philippine policy during the 1940s (71880)
5.30 ITN Morning News (93441). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (3590935) **6.55 Ovide.** Animation (6147750) **7.05 The Wombles** (r) (5860427) **7.15 Madeline.** Animation about a mischievous French girl (7437311) **7.40 The California Raisin Show.** Animation (r) (3576514)
8.05 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (r) (9449243) **8.30 The Adventures Of T-Rex** (88779)
9.00 Saved By the Bell. American high school comedy drama (89589) **9.30 Dennis** (r) (4928779)
9.45 Flipper. The friendly dolphin comes to the rescue again (486330) **10.15 Owl TV.** Wildlife series. (Teletext) (478311)
10.45 Land of the Giants. Science fiction adventures (r) (631088) **11.45 Little House on the Prairie.** Drama series about a close-knit Kansas plains family during the Depression (2312330)
1.10 Film: Inherit the Wind (1960, b/w) starring Fredric March, Spencer Tracy and Gene Kelly. Gripping courtroom drama, based on the trial in 1925 of a Tennessee schoolmaster accused of teaching Darwin's theory of evolution in a small "Bible-Belt" town Directed by Stanley Kramer. (Teletext) (46736972)
3.35 The Lion and the Song. Puppet animation about the power of art (r) (6144934)
3.55 Orchestra! The eighth of Sir Geprg Solti and Dudley Moore's nine-part series on the sections of the orchestra (r) (s) (5240021)
4.25 The Christians. Bamber Gascoigne's series exploring the history of Christianity (r). (Teletext) (9029205)
5.25 News summary and weather (8114866)
5.30 Hypnosis. Young people's music series. The guests include Jamiroquai (224)
6.00 The Real World. Serial about a group of young men and women sharing a loft conversion in Manhattan (s) (137)
6.30 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy. (Teletext) (s) (717)
7.00 Bloody Bosnia: Disappearing World – We Are All Neighbours (r). (Teletext) See Choice (5137)
8.00 Bloody Bosnia: Opinions. Belgrade-born film-maker Dusan Makavejev explores how the break-up of Yugoslavia has revealed the dark side of the Serbian psyche. (Teletext) (6156)



Hitler impersonation: Mel Brooks (8.30pm)

8.30 Film: To Be or Not to Be (1983) starring Mel Brooks and Anne Bancroft. Clodhopping update of Ernst Lubitsch's 1942 black comedy about two actors who become unwittingly involved with the Resistance in Nazi-occupied Poland. Directed by Alan Johnson. (Teletext) (s) (11137)
10.30 American Bowl. Highlights of the game at Wembley between the Dallas Cowboys and the Detroit Lions (1270408)
11.35 Bloody Bosnia: Artists For Bosnia. Juliet Stevenson, Bill Paterson and Michael Byrne perform a short extract from Ariel Dorfman's play *Death and the Maiden* (166243)
11.50 Bloody Bosnia: Film – Plastic Jesus (1971, colour and b/w). The story of an anarchic film-maker and his relationships with women, including a country and western singer who has just written the song "Plastic Jesus". Starring Tomislaw Golovac, directed by Lazar Stojanovic. In Serbo-Croat with English subtitles (977953). Ends at **1.15am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.25am The Three Caballeros (7226311) **10.05** Cartoon (1138953) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (487069) **12.30pm-1.00** Countrywide (2808717) **1.10-2.00** Stuntmasters (3750866) **2.35** Monarchs of the Glen (7987408) **3.35** Film: He's Hired, She's Fired (668137) **5.20-5.30** Cartoon (8108205) **6.00-6.20** Anglia News (858205) **11.40** The Twilight Zone (935817) **12.15am** Quiz Night (8843170) **12.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5475373) **1.10** Film: Midnight Sun (550828) **2.45** The New Music (1768151) **3.50** Entertainment UK (3114460) **4.45** America's Top 10 (33027002) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.25am The Three Caballeros (7226311) **10.05** Cartoon Time (1138953) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (487069) **12.30pm** Central Newsweek (2808717) **1.10-2.00** Family Theatre (3750866) **2.35** Take 15 (4700330) **2.50** Challenge of the Seas (6914243) **3.20** Planet Fillers (4527137) **3.35** Monarchs of the Glen (1620330) **4.35-5.30** Life Goes On (2251156) **6.00** Cartoon Time (142156) **6.15-6.20** Central News (743934) **6.30-7.30** Murder, She Wrote (98137) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (213682) **12.40am** Riviera (1404422) **1.35** The ITV Chart Show (5471996) **2.35** Cue The Music (9359422) **3.35** Wild America (20397583) **4.05** Central Jobfinder (2833606) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.25am Film: Mother Holle (1965595) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (487069) **11.00-12.00am** Morning Worship (31750) **12.30-1.00** HTV Newsweek (35175) **1.10-2.00** The A-Team (3750866) **2.30** Meredith On Sunday (866) **3.00** Wrestling (2707885) **3.50** Murder, She Wrote (2798885) **4.45** Monarchs of the Glen (503866) **5.45** The $64,000 Question (361682) **6.15-6.20** HTV News & Weather (743934) **11.40** Love At First Sight (935817) **12.15am** Quiz Night (8843170) **12.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5475373) **1.10** Film: Midnight Sun (550828) **2.45** The New Music (1768151) **3.50** Entertainment U.K. (3114460) **4.45** America's Top 10 (33027002) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (9675422)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: **12.30-1.00** Play-back (35175) **2.30-3.00** The Entertainers (866) **3.50** Cartoon Time (6167865) **4.10-4.45** A Visit To The Eisteddfod (4108717)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.25am The Three Caballeros (7226311) **10.05** Cartoon (1138953) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (487069) **12.30pm** The Turning Point (4865205) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News & Weather (29531866) **1.10-2.00** Film: Westward Ho, The Wagons (3750866) **2.35** Monarchs of the Glen (7987408) **3.35** Sprockets (5254224) **4.05** Cartoon (3408250) **4.15** Life Goes On (504595) **5.15** The $64,000 Question (362311) **5.45** The Champions (361682) **6.15-6.20** Meridian News & Weather (743934) **6.30-7.30** Murder, She Wrote (98137) **11.40** Film: American Dreamer (928408) **1.30am** The ITV Chart Show (84286) **2.30** The Art Of Landscape (36354) **3.00** Coach (16441) **3.30** Anything Goes (56977) **4.30-5.00** An Invitation To Remember (17170)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.25am The Three Caballeros (7226311) **10.05** Cartoon Time (1138953) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (487069) **12.30pm-1.00** Westcountry Update (35175) **1.10-2.00** The Magical World Of Disney (3750866) **2.35** My Story (6664868) **2.45** Monarchs Of The Glen (976663) **3.45** Film: The Son of Robin Hood (666069) **5.15** Champions (362311) **5.45** The $64,000 Question (361682) **6.15-6.20** Westcountry Weekend Latest (743934) **6.30-7.30** Murder, She Wrote (98137) **11.40** Love At First Sight (444408) **12.10am** Quiz Night (6336606) **12.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5475373) **1.10** Film: Midnight Sun (6281460) **2.40** The New Music (5358793) **3.40** Entertainment U.K. (6500712) **4.40** America's Top 10 (86683489) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (9875422)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.25am Film: Pippi On The Run (1965595) **10.15-10.45** The Mountain Bike Show (487069) **12.25pm** The Littlest Hobo (8593088) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News (29531866) **1.10-2.00** Film: Castaway Cowboy (3750866) **2.35** Monarchs Of The Glen (7987408) **3.35** The World's Greatest Stunts (2903040) **4.25** Life Goes On (3572595) **5.20** The $64,000 Question (7823446) **6.00-6.20** Calendar (858205) **11.40** Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (573576) **12.35am** Quiz Night (5476002) **1.05** The Beat (2702083) **2.05** Zara Dhyan Dein (7224335) **2.10** Film: Izzaldaar (31692680) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder (6339606)

S4C
Starts: 7.05am Children's Programmes **11.45** Little House on the Prairie (4829446) **1.05pm** Mork And Mindy (71815021) **1.35** Eerie, Indiana (19458040) **2.05** Criced (1005243) **3.10** Those British Faces: James Robertson Justice (5452427) **3.40** Film: Raising the Wind (James Robertson Justice, Leslie Phillips) (276205) **5.20** Criced (64455935) **6.55** Newyddion (619601) **7.00** Salth Dwmod Ar Y Sul (784576) **7.15** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol De Powys (511885) **8.15** Cymanta Ganu (17778663) **10.00** LA Law (4408) **11.00** Bloody Bosnia: The Roots Of War (50885) **12.00am** Wembley Bowl 93 (2959557) **12.55** Bloody Bosnia: Artists For Bosnia (1003441)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Hour of Power (61607) **7.00** Fun Factory (8651750) **11.30** The Brady Bunch (89446) **12.00** WWF Challenge (69156) **1.00pm** Battlestar Galactica (45576) **2.00** Crazy Like a Fox (79446) **3.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (4717) **3.30** Fashion TV (3311) **4.00** UK Top 40 (79069) **5.00** All-American Wrestling (5069) **6.00** The Simpsons (58040) **7.00** The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles (88205) **8.00** It: First of a two-part mini series based on Stephen King's horror story (78929) **10.00** Hill Street Blues (87576) **11.00-12.00** Entertainment Tonight (92507)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (1872205) **9.30** Frost on Sunday (56663) **11.30** Week in Review (33885) **12.30pm** *Financial Times* Reports (41309) **1.30** Target (91868) **2.30** Roving Report (20750) **3.30** ABC Nightline (20021) **4.30** Memories (2972) **5.00** Live at Five (49175) **8.30** Roving Report (45069) **7.30** Week in Review (1971) **9.30** Target (34514) **10.30** Roving Report (61446) **11.30** CBS News (24427) **12.30am** Week in Review (39977) **1.30** CBS News (31118) **2.30** Target (54118) **3.30** CBS News (26335) **4.30** Those Were The Days (69489) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (31625)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (96088)
8.00 Real Life (1979): Albert Brooks plays a film-maker documenting an average American family (60798)
10.00 Babe Ruth (1991): Stephen Lang portrays the baseball player (51137)
12.00 Frankenstein: The College Years (1992) Monster comedy (43021)
2.00pm Ironclads (1991): American civil war drama with Virginia Madsen (57476)
4.00 Talent for the Game (1991): Edward James Olmos discovers baseball player Jeff Corbett (3601)
6.00 Ernest Scared Stupid (1991): Jim Varney awakens an evil creature (81392)
8.00 Conan the Destroyer (1984). Arnold Schwarzenegger stars as the barbarian warrior (93137)
10.00 Liebestraum (1991): Kevin Anderson becomes involved in a 30-year-old murder-mystery (186175)
11.55 Made In LA (1990): A policeman and a thief face a final showdown (174750)
1.45am In Broad Daylight (1991): A town metes out its own justice on local thug Brian Dennehy (805267)
3.45 Storm (1987): Thieves menace a group of campers (630712). Ends at **5.25**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm The Red Pony (1949): John Steinbeck's story about a boy who befriends a horse. With Myrna Loy (7601)
6.00 Cattle Queen of Montana (1954): Barbara Stanwyck defends her ranch from rustlers (85392)
8.00 Young Frankenstein (1974). Mel Brooks's monster spoof. With Gene Wilder and Peter Boyle (38343069)
9.50 Cool Hand Luke (1967): Chain-gang prisoner Paul Newman confronts boss man George Kennedy (32776243). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am A Prize of Gold (1954): Richard Widmark attempts to airlift Nazi treasure out of Berlin (89330)
8.00 Little Boy Lost (1953, b/w): Second world war correspondent Bing Crosby searches for his son in Paris (51040)
10.00 September 30th 1955 (1978). Drama about the effect of James Dean's death on a student. Starring Richard Thomas (59779)
12.00 My Side of the Mountain (1969): A Canadian boy gets closer to nature (41663)
2.00pm Meeting Venus (1991). A conductor, Niels Arestrup, and a soprano, Glenn Close, fall in love (57458)
4.00 Sinbad: Cartoon (62779)
5.00 The Call of the Wild: Cartoon version of Jack London's novel (8779)
6.00 Ivory Hunters (1990): John Lithgow, Isabella Rossellini and James Earl Jones track elephant poachers (89934)
8.00 Barton Fink (1991): John Turturro stars as the titular playwright, who suffers from a bad case of writer's block (91779)
10.00 Mortal Thoughts (1991): Demi Moore and Glenne Headly are suspects in the murder of Bruce Willis (430408)
11.45 Death Valley (1982). Peter Billingsley witnesses a murder (181953)
1.15am The Comfort of Strangers (1990) Christopher Walken tracks Rupert Everett and Natasha Richardson through the streets of Venice (713335)
3.05 Windprints (1989): Drama about Namibia's fight for independence. With John Hurt and Sean Bean (746544). Ends at **4.40**

SKY SPORTS
5.25am Rugby Union. Queensland v South Africa (82932137) **7.30** Red Line (86408) **8.30** Snooker (67205) **10.30** Superbikes (49953) **12.00** Australian Rugby League (94779) **2.00pm** Superbikes (66427) **3.30** Snooker (62021) **4.30** Polo. Jai Cup (46214) **5.30** Rugby Union (81885) **7.30** Cricket Special: The Game on the £10 Note (59408) **8.30** US PGA Golf: Buick Open (290853) **11.00** Superbikes (98791) **12.30-2.30am** The 1993 Charity Shield: Arsenal v Manchester United (72151)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Aerobics (73576) **8.30** Golf from Munich (49243) **9.00** NBA Basketball (30595) **9.30** Athletics (77682) **11.00** ATP Tennis (48953) **12.30pm** Swimming (56311) **2.30** Tennis: Austrian Open (46224) **4.00** Golf from Munich (25309) **5.00** Swimming (2137) **6.00** IndyCar (23392) **8.00** DTM German Touring Cars (24021) **9.00** Tennis: Austrian Open (94392) **10.30** Boxing (15886) **11.30-12.30am** Golf from Munich (55311)

UK GOLD
7.00am Michael Bentine's Potty Time (8437791) **7.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (5487476) **8.00** Lassie (1730224) **8.30** Dog House (1739595) **9.00** Dr Who Omnibus (22254798) **11.25** Film: The King's Thief (1955) starring Ann Blyth (50499682) **12.45pm** Film: Double Dynamite (1951, b/w) starring Frank Sinatra (46970866) **2.00** Till Death Us Do Part (1087682) **2.30** Sorry! (2376296) **3.00** The Bill Omnibus (6848514) **5.30** David Copperfield (8776232) **6.00** Pride and Prejudice (5545243) **7.00** Sorry! (1098798) **7.30** No Place Like Home (4824682) **9.00** The Six Wives of Henry VIII: Anne Boleyn (90154224) **10.45** Rory Bremner (7825175) **11.15** Life Without George (7822088) **11.45-1.00am** In Concert. The The Versus the World (2959446)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (63589) **7.00** Wizbit (59953) **7.30** Widget (78088) **8.00** Cartoons (64576) **8.30** Ratkan II (98175) **9.00** Sharky and George (87427) **9.30** The Garbage Pail Kids; Ovide and the Gang (96683) **10.00** Heidi (28595) **10.30** Klssyfur (76311) **11.00** Ins Captain Pugwash (44311) **11.30** Cartoons (45040) **12.00** Dinonders (67663) **12.30pm** Swamp Thing (38309) **1.00** Silver City (95934) **2.00** The Witches and the Grinnygog (7224) **2.30** Flash Gordon (6224) **3.00** Chicken Minute (6359) **3.30** Mr Majeika (8069) **4.00** Seven Wishes of a Rich Kid (35663) **5.00** Katts and Dog (9576) **5.30** 3-2-1 Contact (2840) **6.00-7.00** Fame (15798)

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM until 6.00am) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1 FM **2.30** Rockline **4.00** The UK Top 40 **7.00** The Official 1 FM Album Chart **8.00** Anne Nightingale **10.00** Gary Davies (FM from 12.00) **1.00-4.00am** Claire Sturgess (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo **4.00am** Sujata Barot **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **10.30** Hayes on Sunday **12.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Tea at the Imperial **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** Charlie Chester **7.00** Richard Baker **8.30** Sunday Half Hour Summer Specials from Damson Dene Methodist Holiday Hotel in the Lake District **9.00** Alan Keith **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme: The history of comedy in music **12.05am** Jon Briggs **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
6.00am World Service **6.30** Mark Curry **9.30** Go! with the European Swimming Championships **11.00** Test Match Special: England v Australia **1.00pm** Sunday Sport **7.20** Open University: Generals of the Revolution —James Watt; **7.40** Art Works — Performing Arts in California; **8.00** Arts Foundation Course — Sullivan; **8.20** Talking About the Enlightenment; **8.40** Learning Through Life — The Widden Family Centre; **9.00** Open Forum; **9.20** Literature — In a Free State; **9.40** Modern Societies — Popular Culture, **10.10** Across the Line **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Sunday Feature: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Short Story: The Stuff of Dreams **5.45** Party, Party **6.00** Newshour **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** Letter from America **7.30** Jazz for the Asking **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** From Our Own Correspondent **8.50** Write On **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Ray on Record **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Review **10.15** Short Story: The Stuff of Dreams **10.30** Folk Routes **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Science in Action **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and Press Review in German **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** The Ken Bruce Show **1.00** News **1.01** Play of the Week: Dylan Thomas Return Journey **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.01** Images of Women, Images of Men **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News and Features in German **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Images of Wales **5.45** Letter from America **6.00** BBC English **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** Music Inside Out **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Folk Routes **9.30** Brain of Britain **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Short Story. The Stuff of Dreams **11.30** Letter from America **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Review **12.15** Ray on Record **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** In Praise of God **2.00** News **2.01** The Record Producers **2.45** Arabian Sounds **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Composer of the Month: Felix Mendelssohn **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Romance **12.00** Celebrity Choice **1.00pm** Nicky Horne **3.00** Robert Booth **7.00** Authentic Performance **8.00** Evening Concert: Brahms (Academic Festival Overture; German Requiem, Piano Trio No 3 in C minor) **10.00** Contemporary Classics **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Paul Coyle **2.00pm** Emperor Rosko **4.00** The Album Chart **7.00** Wendy Lloyd **10.00** Tommy Rivers **2.00-6.00am** Sandy Beach

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Europe of the Regions **6.55** Weather
7.00 Bach and His Sons: J.S. Bach (Jesu meine Freude, BWV 227. The Sixteen); J.C.F. Bach (Sinfonia in D minor; Concerto Cologne); W.F. Bach (Fugue in D: Leo van Doeselaar, organ); C.P.E. Bach (Flute Concerto in B flat, Wq 167: Stephen Preston; English Concert under Trevor Pinnock); J.S. Bach (Mass in G, BWV 236: Ghent Collegium Vocale and Orchestra under Philippe Herreweghe); J.C. Bach (Quintet in C, Op 11 No 1: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock). W.F. Bach (Sinfonia in D, Dies ist der Tag: Concerto Cologne)
9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning: *Composer of the Week* preview: Mozart (Overture in G, Symphony No 32, K318: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Herbert von Karajan); Bach (Wachet auf, ruft uns die stimme, BWV 645: Peter Hurford, organ); Tchaikovsky (Marche slave, Op 31: London Symphony Orchestra under Leopold Stokowski); Dave Brubeck, arr Thomas (Strange Meadow Lark; It's a Raggy Waltz: Brodsky Quartet); **9.35** Artist of the Week: Shura Cherkassky, piano, plays Strauss, arr Godowsky (Wine, Women and Song); Schubert (Rosamunde, D797 excerpts: Leipzig Radio Choir; Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur); Montéclair (La Bergère: Julianne Baird, soprano, American Baroque under Stephen Schultz); Franck (Symphonic Variations. Rudolf Firkusny, piano; Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Claus Peter Flor). Martin Butler (Dirty Beasts: Roald Dahl, narrator; Aquarius under Nicholas Cleobury); **10.47** Artist of the Week: Shura Cherkassky, piano, plays Moszkowski (Liebeswalzer in A flat, Op 57 No 5); Boccherini (Octet in G, Op 38 No 4: Tafelmusik under Jeanne Lamon); Ravel (Trois Chansons. Cambridge Singers under John Rutter); Bach (Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, BWV 542: Peter Hurford, organ); Constant Lambert (Horoscope: English Northern PO under David Lloyd-Jones)
12.00 Vintage Years: Stephen Johnson recalls the Irish tenor James Johnston (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Prague Chamber Orchestra performs a sequence with a Czech connection
1.35 Test Match Special: England v Australia. Commentary on the fourth afternoon's play in the fifth Test at Edgbaston. Including at **3.45-4.00** At the Bookstall
6.10 Evening Sequence: A selection of music on disc
7.00 BBC Proms: The National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain under Matthias Bamert, live from the Albert Hall, London. See Choice
9.50 Sunday Play: The Symposium. Plato's epic dialogue on the nature of love, in a translation by Tom Griffith. With Leo McKern as Socrates and Martin Jarvis as Aristophanes (r)
11.45 Sophie Langdon, violin, Andrew Ball, piano, perform David Cox (Warlock Suite); Colin Matthews (Three Pieces); Beethoven (Violin Sonata in A, Op 30 No 1) **12.30am News**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday from St Mary's Church, Knighton, Leicestershire **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm: Oliver Walston meets Eddie Fisher on Alderney **7.40** Sunday **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Juliet Stevenson appeals for *the Week's Good Cause* on behalf of the Disability Alliance Educational and Research Association **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America (r)
9.30 Morning Service from St Thomas's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand, with Jay Rayner
11.30 Pick of the Week (r)
12.15pm In the Psychiatrist's Chair: See Choice **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend, with James Cox **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Woodbury Garden Club in Devon put their questions to the experts. Chairman Clay Jones
2.30 Classical Serial: Alexander. David Wade's drama about Alexander the Great (4/6)
3.30 The Radio Programme, presented by Laurie Taylor
4.00 News; Ages Past: Colin McLaren looks at childhood (r)
4.47 Siesta Days, Fiesta Nights: Drew Launay recalls a momentous week in the Andalusian village of Frigiliana
5.00 News; Leslie Thomas in a Novel Setting: Barry in South Wales, the setting for Thomas's novel, *Revolving Jones* (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! Simon Rae explores Shakespeare's greatest hits with the director Bob Carlton **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 Letter from Los Alamos County: Jeremy Harris reports from New Mexico (r)
6.30 Notes from Laputa: Fintan O'Toole, columnist for the *Irish Times*, views Ireland through the eyes of a travelling circus
7.00 The Hidden Spirit: Rogan Taylor explores the failure of the established church to address feminism and the environment (2/4)
7.30 A Good Read: Edward Blishen invites Julia Neuberger and Beverly Anderson to select three paperbacks (r)
8.00 Punters, presented by Susan Marling (r)
8.30 Laughing Aloud: England, Their England The Cricket Match. Richard Briers reads from A.G. Macdonell's comic account of a team of London gentlemen taking on a rustic village side
9.00 The Natural History Programme visits Lindisfarne nature reserve (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather **10.00 News**
10.15 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes: The Crooked Man. With Clive Merrison and Michael Williams (r)
11.00 Out of Order: Patrick Hannan chairs the political quiz. Captains Austin Mitchell, MP, and Michael White team up with Charles Kennedy, MP, and Andrew Rawnsley (r)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: The actor Sean Cranitch reflects on the nature of hell and the importance of hope
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

In the Psychiatrist's Chair. *Radio 4, 12.15pm.*
It is not clear precisely what is in Dr Anthony Clare's mind when he asks Lord Parkinson about the sexual power of Mrs Thatcher, his one-time boss. Did she use it, and exude it, asks the psychiatrist? The peer will not be drawn on the point. His relationship with the lady was built on "friendship and work". However, he offers no good reason why his interrogator should not include the former prime minister in the gallery of strong women who have featured in his life – women such as his mother, his wife, and the woman who, he says, caused his personal and professional train to "run into the buffers at very high speed".

BBC Proms. *Radio 3, 7.00pm.*
Devotees of Mussorgsky's all-but-visual *Pictures at an Exhibition* simply cannot get enough of it. To indulge this commendable appetite, tonight's Prom includes not only the original piano version – played by 82-year-old Shura Cherkassky, who brings off a remarkable double by also playing the Gershwin Piano Concerto – but also Ravel's celebrated orchestration of the work. **Peter Davalle**

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DAVID FLUSFEDER PREVIEWS THE BEST OF THE COMING WEEK'S TELEVISION

Rhythms of life for local heroes

You don't need to take foreign travels, television will do it for you. Next week we have a report on the wilder fringes of South African Christianity, we meet an exile from Cameroon, West Africa, who plays jazz in Paris, and an exile from England still obsessed with the Arabia he explored in his youth. Closer to home, there's an excellent portrait of a Welsh men's choir. And if that's all too tiring, head over to America for some super-corny drama.

Rhythms of the World: Silences
Today, BBC2, 8pm
Manu Dibango is a big, bald man with a deep gravelly voice who plays saxophone in a style that mixes African dance with American bebop, sings with a chuckle, and talks in a grave, ironic manner. He was born in Cameroon in 1933 and, like many of his generation, was sent at the age of 16 to study in France. He still lives and performs there.

This charming portrait of Dibango slips smoothly into different episodes of his life, from his early years in Cameroon to his days as musician, philosopher and club owner in Paris and Brussels. There is plenty of Dibango's lilting, swinging music, some stunning shots of Cameroon, and some wonderful little side notes, such as the story of Papa Goethe, the man who brought professional photography and football to Cameroon.

Highlights include a meeting with his old employer and colleague, Fax Clark, at his jazz club in Brussels. There are two icons on the wall, of Louis Armstrong and the Mona Lisa. Dibango quietly admits — out of Clark's earshot — that he always preferred the music of Charlie Parker to Armstrong; he had no argument with the Mona Lisa. The most poignant and amusing moment is when Dibango goes back to his old school in rural France. Sixty-year-old men sit solemnly at their old desks (Dibango looking half the age of the others) and, a little pompously, recall stories of when the African arrived. They remember the boy who was so astonished by the sight of snow that he dutifully gathered some flakes of this marvellous stuff, slipped them into an envelope and posted it to his parents.

Travellers' Tales: Arabian Sands
Monday, Channel 4, 9pm
Wilfred Thesiger comes over in this interview and potted biography like a careless hero from a completely different era. When he is in London, he is the very image of a spruce, octogenarian, upper-class club-man, in demure, well-tailored three-piece suit, entertaining his gunsmith with tales of big-game hunting in the Sudan ("*wildly* exciting when you've bagged your lion"). At his home in Kenya he is the avuncular old colonial, teaching African children how to box. But his heart and imagination remain tied to the Arabia he explored, photographed and mapped in his younger days.

Thesiger was born in Ethiopia, the son of the British ambassador, and he remembers the grand sight of the future emperor Haile Selaisse riding in triumph with his army through the streets of Addis Ababa after the first world war as the spur to become an adventurer.

His old Arab comrades remember him with friendship and pleasure. And Thesiger still holds in awe the beauty of the "empty quarter" of the Arabian desert, a place of few possessions (you owned what you could carry in your camel saddle-bags), of physical hardship, of rare friendship.

"I wanted to live life as they lived it," he says, and he did. He remains without illusions about the hardships, the brutality and the violence. He recalls with awe the hospitality he was offered ("If you don't come I shall divorce my wife," said one desperate would-be host), and rues the "disastrous inventions" of the car and aeroplane which have shrunk and ruined his world.

Rear Window: The Choir, the Passion and the Song
Tuesday, Channel 4, 9pm
A lot of television programmes try to be heart-warming. (*That's Life*, interspersing its "comic" items about vegetables that look like penises with children fighting deadly diseases, comes cloyingly to mind.) This one succeeds.

Flint in north Wales is an industrial town with an unemployment rate of about 40 per cent. The chapels have mostly been sold off. Traditional focuses of culture are dwindling and dying. But its male voice choir, composed mostly of retired and redundant coalminers and steelworkers, is going strong. The choir has won the eisteddfod twice and done well in international competitions, but its two main functions are as a cultural emblem for the town and as a vehicle of transcendence for the choristers.

The choir speak and sing in Welsh and English. On rehearsal breaks they're a bunch of aging lads with powerful, worn bodies, smoking fags and telling jokes. But as soon as they're back in the hall it all becomes joyously serious. "You're trying for that perfect pitch at all times," one singer says.

Another remembers the rehearsal agonies struggling with one piece of music, "The Lost Chord". They never could get it right. Until, on a stormy night in Widnes, they performed it in public for the first time, and it was perfect. The conductor, a severe, enthusiastic retail manager who has the proper respect for perfection, immediately withdrew the piece from the repertoire.

Storm From the East
Tuesday, BBC2, 9.45pm
This is the first of four programmes tracing the history of the Mongol empire. It is a co-production between the BBC and the Japanese company NHK, and runs to 5,000 extras (sometimes looking a little like a solemn Mongolian version of the Sealed Knot), and a ludicrously over-the-top voiceover ("A terrible army that suddenly appeared out of the eastern mists . . . "). As spectacle and history it's fascinating.

This opening programme deals with the founder of the empire, Genghis Khan, whose imperial career began fairly modestly as teenager vowing to avenge the murder of his chieftain father. By the time he was 27, in 1204, he had become leader of the forcibly unified Mongol nomad tribes. By the time of his death, in 1227, he had control of an empire that was twice as big as Alexander the Great's, stretching from China to Hungary.

His methods were a combination of brilliant military tactics, a strongly disciplined army, and utter ruthlessness to the vanquished. "For our sins, unknown tribes came," mourned one Russian chronicler, in the aftermath of one part of the Mongol army cutting its murderous route across the Steppes.

The Mongols were nomads, with no traditions of agriculture or industry. When they encountered these in other countries, such as Persia and China, they would massacre the peasants (with disastrous desert-making results) and forcibly transport the glass-blowers, weavers and smiths back to Mongolia, where (cue Part 2) they would invent a new, voluptuous place.

Witness: Man, God and Africa
Thursday, Channel 4, 9pm
If you want to get a quick understanding of a culture, you need to look at either its sport or its religion. The film-maker Don Boyd takes the religious path into black South Africa.

He reveals the surprising statistic that 97 per cent of South Africans are churchgoers; and it isn't the established Anglican church that most of the blacks go to. As Desmond Tutu admits and Alan Boesak says, rather more forcibly, the "mainline" churches don't understand, approve of or cater to the black African psyche.

Boyd finds some wild manifestations of black South African religion, represented by the independent churches, which include faith healing, rough ritual immersion, and dance and song in their sacraments.

We are shown a healing service which begins with drums and dance, with the sufferer bullied into a trance and then whirled roughly around the corrugated iron shack with his outer layers of clothes whipped off. The service ends at the sea, in a cleansing ceremony, after which some of the worshippers lie, unconscious, exhausted, in ecstasy, on the beach.

Boyd's direction is stunning; as an interviewer he's less impressive. Some of his questions are respectfully dull ("Tell me what happens after he gets home," he asks the mother of an 11-year-old archbishop), while others get straight to the point ("How did you become a prophet?").

False Arrest
Thursday, Friday, BBC1, 9.30pm
Sometimes a programme comes along that has everything. It's invariably American, it's always in at least two parts, its stars will be either from the washed-up end of Hollywood or from the soapy side of television, and (this is the clincher) it will be based on A True Story.

Welcome to the glittering, seedy, hugely enjoyable world of *False Arrest*. Loosely, it's the story of a glamorous, thrusting businesswoman married to a glamorous, thrusting businessman (Donna Mills and Robert Wagner, both about ten years too old for the parts). They have a glamorous life. It's New Year, 1981, and the thrusting businessman's less thrusting partner is murdered.

Through a twisted, hard-to-follow mix of shabby cameo characters' motives of revenge and fear, justice is miscarried and the thrusting businesswoman is arrested for the crime. Donna Mills's glamorous life is ruined and she enters A Living Hell.

All the elements of all the tackiest programmes you've ever watched are here: scenes set in courtrooms, in hospitals, in jail cells, scenes of lesbian rape, heart disease and cancer, the heartbreak of a bad marriage, good suffering kids; and, thrown in for good measure, cocaine addiction, a good lawyer, a bad cop, a bunch of psychos and a golden-hearted hooker. It's all done to gooey music, with corny dialogue, under soft lighting, in studio sets masquerading half-heartedly as city streets. It even has — and this is the real giveaway — Robert Wagner saying at one moment of high emotion: "Oh my God, I can't believe this."

Songs of Welsh praise: Flint's male voice choir, going strong despite local difficulties

BEST FILMS

TODAY
Star Trek II 1982, US (BBC1, 5.45pm)
TOMORROW
Plastic Jesus 1971, Yug (Ch4, 11.50pm)
TUESDAY
Weird Science 1985 US (BBC1, 10.30pm)
WEDNESDAY
The Charge of the Light Brigade 1936, US (BBC2 10pm)
THURSDAY
Cal 1984 GB (Ch4, 10.35pm)
FRIDAY
The Window 1949 US (BBC2, 11.20pm)

BEST SPORT

TODAY
Cricket: England v Australia, Fifth Test (BBC1, 10.55am; BBC2, 4.40pm)
Match of the Day: FA Charity Shield (BBC1, 10.35pm)
TOMORROW
American Football: Dallas v Detroit (Ch4, 10.30pm)
MONDAY
Cycling: Tour of Britain, First stage (Ch4, 8.30pm)
TUESDAY
Cricket: NatWest Semi-finals (BBC2, 10.20am)
THURSDAY
Go Fishing (Ch4, 10pm)

MUSIC

BBC Proms — Live: Dimitri Hvorostovsky (Mon, BBC2, 7.30pm)

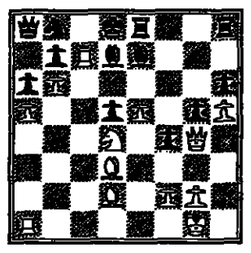
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This week, I continue to pay homage to Aron Nimzowitsch, one of the most original chess thinkers. This position is from the game Nimzowitsch - Haakanson, Kristianstadt 1922. Black's king is constricted. Can you see how White completed the strangulation?

Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer and winners will be published on the following Saturday.

Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Qf6. The winners are: J. Irwin, Co. Down; B. McCabe, Liverpool; E. Ladusans, Cheshire.



WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

INKY-PINKY
a. Little toe
b. Small beer
c. A tiny sausage

QUANDONG
a. A Vietnamese leader
b. Famous Chinese cook
c. Australian tree

NAVARIN
a. A navigational device
b. A fishing boat
c. A mutton stew

PISKUN
a. A buffalo trap
b. A tropical rainfall
c. A fairy or witch

Answers on page 11

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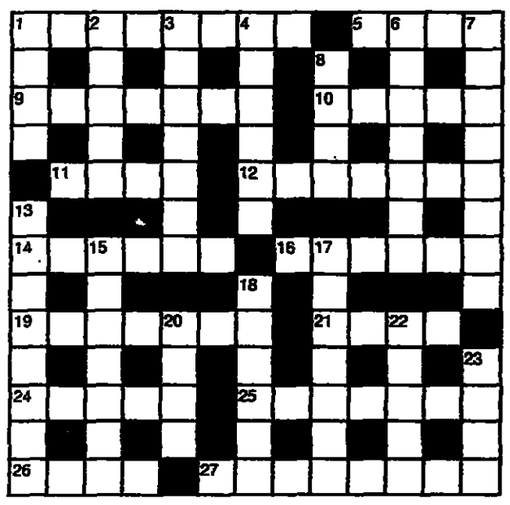

ACROSS
1 Robert Allen Zimmerman (3,5)
5 Forehead (4)
9 Adulterated (7)
10 Surpass (5)
11 Criticise harshly (4)
12 Principal city (7)
14 Dissimilar to (6)
16 Bisected (2,4)
19 Emergence (7)
21 In the vicinity (4)
24 Fingerprint pattern (5)
25 Little troublemaker (7)
26 Cheese skin (4)
27 Gets to feet (6,2)

DOWN
1 Mass (4)
2 Noisy confusion (5)
3 Muslim veil (7)
4 Kidnap (6)
6 Sheep's milk cheese (7)
7 Flora and fauna (8)
8 Short-term worker (4)
13 Rope contest (3,2,3)
15 Disappointment (7)
17 Hard-wearing cotton (7)
18 Cask stopper (6)
20 Register (4)
22 Fish respiratory organs (5)
23 Bargain (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3167

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Off the beach, on to the floor

East and west, nightclubs are best for

Tim Marsh

APRES soleil is not merely something to soothe sunburnt skin, it's a time to contemplate the tingle factor after dark. Done the beach, done the culture, but where's the club that's going to make the body twitch tonight?

ITALY

Rimini is currently the focal point for club conscious jet-setters, and the trendiest venues are two miles south.

● **CocoRico**
Viariccione Alta (010 39 541 605183): every day throughout August, midnight-5am. £15.
Shaped like a giant glass pyramid, CocoRico is one of the most stunning venues in Europe. The main dance floor features DJ Cirrillo spinning hardcore techno for spaced-out teenagers, while in the VIP area top Italian DJ Ralph offers underground house music for a more sophisticated crowd. Smart dress.

● **Peter Pan**
Viariccione Alta (010 39 541 604566): every day throughout August, midnight-5am. £15.
Apart from a pumping selection of UK and Italian house music, Peter Pan boasts a Perspex sided swimming pool in the garden for extra sweaty bunnies. Beware of the strict security and big budget dress policy — designer names rule in Never-neverland.

DAVE SWINDELLS

Home beat: in London, head for Hollywood Babylon

IBIZA

● **Pacha Ibiza**
Apdo 330 (010 34 971 313612): midnight-6am. £10.
Resident DJ Alfredo spins hard house from Italy and the UK. Dress to impress, not to distress.

SPAIN

● **Hanoi**
Fortaleza 91, Madrid: most nights, midnight-4am, £10.
Stunning modern design. Entrance is free if you turn up with a glamorous enough model (male or female) on your arm. Ultra smart.

NETHERLANDS

● **IT**
Amstel St 24, Amsterdam (010 31 20 625 0111).: most nights, 11pm-4am.
Don't be put off by the naff pink paintwork, this ex-Disney cinema showcases the top Euro DJs spinning all that's happening in house and techno. Casual dress.

USA

● **Sound Factory**
532 W 27th St, New York (0101 212 634 0728).: Sat, Sun. 1am-noon. Sunday, £12.25.
DJ Junior Vasquez playing underground house for a mixed gay trendy crowd. The chill-out areas feature a fountain, plus free bowls of sweets and fruit to help beat off those Sunday morning munchies. No alcohol. Dress: "Everything from transvestite to trendy casual."

● **40 Watt**
285 West Washington St, Athens GA 30601 (0101 706 549 7871): Mon-Sat, 9pm-2am, £3-7.
A sleepy Southern college town 70 miles north of Atlanta, Athens has somehow contrived to produce several of the most exciting bands of the last ten years, including REM, the B52s, and Sugar. The 40 Watt is where they all started. Wear as little as the law allows. Athens in August is like pogoing in Afghan undies.

● **Off Ramp**
109 East Lake Avenue East, Seattle WA 98109 (0101 206 628 0232): most days, 11pm-2am, £8.
The doormen at the Off Ramp have a thing about clean clothes. In fact don't even bother turning up in anything laundered within the past seven weeks. Seattle is the birthplace of grunge rock, and the Off Ramp is its epicentre, where the King and Queen of grunge — Nirvana's Kurt Cobain and Riot Grrrl wife Courtney Love — like to hang out, and get rowdy.

JAPAN

● **Yello**
Nishiasabu, Tokyo (0101 81 33453354): most days, 11pm-3am, £50.
Very pricey mix of European design names and US street fashion. Features international DJ crews and Hyperdelic video, a visual accompaniment alternating from soothing to distressing, according to the beat.

UK

For those of us left behind by the holiday lemmings.

● **Hollywood Babylon**
Iceni, 11 White Horse Street, off Curzon St, London W1 (071-495 5333).: 10.30pm-3.30am, £7.
Currently the trendiest ticket in London. Hollywood Babylon consists of three floors themed to rock, house and jazz soul. Dress smooth.

● *Caitlin Moran is on holiday.*

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